

New Year, new challenges, new expectations...

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In the beginning of a new year all of us make plans and many promises pushed by our motivation toward the unknown and by the need for change. To get better always is a challenge to be reached in a globalized and competitive world.

Nursing journals that disseminate knowledge production in this area are using huge efforts to become visible, by the change, and then to amplify the indexation in bibliographic data bases. It is not an easy effort, therefore rules are established and, if to reach them, is difficult, to break or change them, it seems to be impossible. The truth is that nursing journals need to be better indexed in them to get more visibility.

Currently we have three dozens of national nursing journals that disseminate the knowledge of the Brazilian Nursing. Those journals were rated according to Qualis in the last year. Of those, only one is indexed in SciELO, four in MEDLINE and less than a half in LILACS database. Journals with more indexation and quality, except REBEn, are vinculated to post graduate programs, where there is a higher incidence in production and consume of research. It is therefore, too insufficient, or almost nothing for the knowledge that is produced by nursing in our country. This indexation is insufficient when we analyze that journals from other areas with similar or low quality are better rated according to Qualis assessment.

Considering the established criteria of these databases, journals are making too many investments in infrastructure, in editorial board, in the selection and approval of articles, in the number of original articles in each issue, in the periodicity and punctuality to comprise these criteria. Despite individual efforts of nursing journals, their editors and institutions, and in collective manner in editor meetings and conferences, only few advances have been reached across the time.

Furthermore, remain the question of financing of these journals, whose great part survives as a result of signatures and local investments. In the last year financing from funding agencies was obtained by only one nursing journal, because the resting ones do not comprises database criteria for indexation. With no financing there is no knowledge dissemination and without dissemination there is no financing, what make it seems we are running in circles. In other words, what is needed is more than individual efforts, what is needed is much more collective and political effort.

The Associação Brasileira de Enfermagem (Brazilian Nursing Association) historically in its eighty years has collaborated by its efforts to disseminate the knowledge in nursing area, what ever through REBEn, books, and other publishing materials, or by its presence in discussions and the aggregation of interested editors. REBEn was the first Brazilian nursing journal and in all its history was concerned with respect to the role nursing journals play in nursing community.

Our perspective for the new year include an effort together other journals of the area for in a short time period to vision new routes to become nursing knowledge more visible.

Take part on this initiative and a good year for all of us!