

Editor Note

It is with great pleasure that the Brazilian Journal of Nutrition opens its pages to the publication of a Thematic Supplement on Food and Nutrition Security.

The interest of the Journal of Nutrition in presenting in 2006 a project in response to the invitation made by the *Ministério do Desenvolvimento Social e Combate à Fome* (MDS, Brazil) to participate in the tender process is legitimate because of the relevance of the Food and Nutrition Security theme in the health and nutrition scenario of Brazil and the world. Additionally, this undertaking meets the current editorial policy, whose purpose is to insert the Journal in a more organic manner in issues of social relevance for the area.

Besides being an emergent national and international theme, both in the academic milieu as in society, this issue has the participation of international researchers with relevant work in the field of Food Security. The compilation of studies and researches on this problem - most sponsored by the *Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico* (CNPq) - that were submitted to *Ad Hoc* referee assessment, collaborators of the Journal, guarantees the quality standard of the scientific production published here.

The publication of the Thematic Supplement on Food Security composes a series of significant occasions for the Brazilian Journal of Nutrition, which has achieved an expressive projection within the scientific community. This can be confirmed by the indexation of this periodical in the databases Web of Science, of the system ISI (Institute of Scientific Information), and Scopus, two of the largest and most comprehensive international databases. It should be emphasized that besides increasing the visibility of this periodical, this represents the international affirmation of the Brazilian scientific production in the area of food and nutrition, making us very proud.

Upon completing 20 years of existence, the Brazilian Journal of Nutrition celebrates one more success. The publication of this Thematic Supplement consists of the most consistent means of presenting to the community the acknowledgment of these years of work and investment by the academic milieu and by the professionals and researchers of MDS, who, by selecting this periodical, rectify the importance of the Brazilian Journal of Nutrition and the belief that we are deserving of their trust.

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