

New goals for REEUSP

The beginning of a new year is an opportune time for pondering about new goals towards our personal, professional and institutional objectives.

With a scientific journal it's no different. Its goals must be constantly re-examined, as they are assessed in the light of the trends of scientific communications, of the development of science, and of the needs of its readers, authors and community to which the publication is directed.

In its 42 years of existence, improving the quality of the Revista da Escola de Enfermagem da USP (REEUSP) has been a permanent concern of the editors. This commitment has determined an agenda of projects and actions that could indeed lead to its effective improvement.

Born in 1967, REEUSP has been an important vehicle of scientific communications not only in Brazil, but in Latin America as a whole. Throughout this time it has contributed for the advancement of Nursing knowledge and foundation through the publication of the results of research conducted by nurses with or without partnership with other professionals.

In the past ten years this journal has printed 611 unpublished works. The increasing number of articles submitted for evaluation mirrors the advance of Brazilian Nursing in terms of the development of research as a strategy for the construction of knowledge and of a scientifically-based practice. The growing number of stricto sensu Graduate programs in Nursing in Brazil and the increasing use that nurses make of research results in their practice and formation are among the main factors behind the advancement of investigation in the area and stimulate the editors of scientific journals to seek excellence for their publications.

In spite of a critical vision as to how journals – particularly those in the Nursing area – have been appraised in Brazil, and the measuring system with which their qualities and potentialities have been evaluated, it is important to recognize the need for those vehicles to modernize themselves and reach as many readers as possible.

In order to do that it is necessary to expand their range so that they tear down certain barriers and their contents become available beyond the geographic and social limits of where they are published.

It should be taken into consideration the fact that there is much to be learned, but certainly there is also a lot to be taught and to be shown to the world regarding the work and production of Brazilian Nursing.

After one of her visits to Brazil, Dr. Jane Robinson, editor of the International Nursing Review (INR), made a number of remarks regarding the high quality of the work nurses do in this country in the editorial she wrote for REEUSP in 2006⁽¹⁾. She regretted the “virtual invisibility of [Brazilian] Nursing outside Brazil” and questioned why, even though Brazilian Nursing has so much to teach, some of our nurses still felt the need to go abroad to learn.

For sure that's one of the difficulties – among others – when it comes to divulging beyond Brazil research conducted here.

Thus one of REEUSP's goals for 2008 is to have its articles published in English, and later in Spanish, and make them available online. The objective is to meet the growing need for offering prompt access to current scientific production through the internet, since it is increasingly easier to have free access to the web from the most remote places.

Along its history REEUSP has conquered many spaces. It continues to strive to increasingly consolidate its insertion into important databases and its presence within the scientific community. For that it has relied on an untiring Editorial Board, dedicated, dependable ad hoc collaborators, and a first class administrative and operational body. Thanks to them REEUSP has been a respected, solid scientific journal from the start. It is thus necessary to advance even more, this time by improving its diffusion.

Besides this goal, which is aimed at the journal's continuing insertion in new databases and methodologies of diffusion, and the effort to improve its operational autonomy, the availability of REEUSP's contents in languages other than Portuguese meets one of the University of São Paulo's Nursing School's institutional goals: to give more visibility not only to the institution itself, but also to maintain its contribution for Nursing's visibility and permanent development in Brazil.

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