

PERMANENT CHALLENGES IN NURSING KNOWLEDGE: SOCIALIZATION, APPLICATION AND EXCELLENCE

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Between November 27th and 30th 2006, Buenos Aires hosted the *Precoloquio* and the *X Coloquio Panamericano de Investigación en Enfermería*, whose central theme was "In Health, Nursing care makes the difference".

Ever since its first edition, held in Bogotá, Colombia in 1988, driven by Maricel Manfredi and the Pan American Health Organization, the Colloquium goals have been to socialize advances in Nursing knowledge, as well as to guide their use in practice through the exchange of research experiences and the development of relevant strategies to achieve this.

In the sense of knowledge socialization, during this event, the Ibero-American Network of Scientific Editing in Nursing was established, with a view to fine-tuning the voices of Spanish and Portuguese-speaking nurses who are active in scientific editing. The mission of this Network is to find strategies that support Nursing journal excellence through joint and shared work by all editors who wish to associate themselves.

This initiative is coordinated by the WHO Collaborating Centre for Nursing Research Development - EERP-USP - Brazil, which will attempt to integrate Nursing journals around a series of objectives and goals:

- Strengthen Nursing journals from Ibero-American countries;
- Increase the participation of Nursing journals in the SciELO – Scientific Electronic Library Online Collection and other indices;
- Mobilize editors of scientific journals in health;
- Stimulate the establishment of specific goals for each journal in terms of indexation in database and achievement of impact level targets;
- Promote nursing knowledge access and dissemination through the Information Technology (IT) infrastructure offered by the Electronic Nursing Journals Portal of the Virtual Health Library-Nursing, maintained by BIREME/OPAS/OMS.

In view of the challenge not only to stimulate knowledge produced by Nursing and health professions, but also to stimulate and increase its application in practice, this issue of the Latin American Journal of Nursing, published in Portuguese, English and Spanish, presents a series of new approaches to research and clinical practice, including their potential contribution to the health of the population.

We hope these articles will offer you pleasant reading and stimulate an increasingly evidence-based practice.