

EDITORIAL

REFACS: the evolution of a scientific journal

In 2018, the Journal Family, Life Cycles and Health in the Social Context (REFACS) will be in its sixth year of publication and, since its first issue, in 2013, it has been seeking to expand and adapt to good practices and new trends in publishing, being characterized as interdisciplinary in health.

REFACS is one of the journals of the Universidade Federal do Triângulo Mineiro, with trilingual publication (Portuguese, English and Spanish) and linked to the Integrated Multiprofessional Health Residency Program (RIMS) and the CNPq Research Group, Life Cycles, Family and Health in the Social Context (CIFACS). Among the 17 volumes published to date, we have a total of 159 articles, among them original research, reviews, case studies, reflections, experience reports and editorials. The journal works with a flow of peer and blind evaluation, respecting editorial ethics, through the collaboration of 40 international, regional and local consultants, from different areas of expertise and facets professionals.

This journal is indexed in 10 databases, since international to national, working with the policy of open and free access to the entire community, and is always seeking to improve its indexation in known and renowned bases, to better contribute to the scientific field. From the year 2015, the publications began to rely on the linking of the Digital Object Identifier (DOI), which consists of a unique alphanumeric code that identifies the article published by digital means so that it does not get lost on the web, even if its location or metadata are modified.

The contemporary challenges experienced by Brazil (economy, politics, and others) associated with the strong technological expansion require the adoption of innovative strategies and propositions, in order to be able to remain in the increasingly competitive and selective market and respond effectively and efficiently to social demands that are placed on the academic world¹. The exponential growth provided by technological development greatly facilitates the access to information, allowing the search results to be made available in an easy and fast way².

In this context, with a view to expand and position itself in the market, REFACS has sought, through its Management Committee, to adopt the best publishing practices and acts vehemently in the reduction of bad conducts of the editorial field that emerge in the present day as: plagiarism, duplicated publication, redundant publication, falsification or fabrication of data, manipulation of images, impacts on human or animal welfare, conflict of interest, and others¹.

In 2017, according to data from the Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior³ (CAPES) at the Brazil, through the four-year evaluation from 2013 to 2016, REFACS underwent its first evaluation process by this body, receiving the qualifications for the following areas: B3 - Psychology and Social Work; B4 - Physical Education, Nursing, Interdisciplinary, Dentistry and Collective Health; B5 - Medicine II and C - Biological Sciences and Education. Despite being a very satisfactory evaluation, we are working incessantly in order to always improve our indicators and always adapting the innovations and trends of the publishing market.

Thus, from 2018 REFACS will increase the number of publications by volume (from 10 to 15 articles), to accompany the evolution that has taken place, always seeking continuous excellence so that the research and others productions has a positive impact in the lives of individuals and society.

Good reading,

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