



# EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

The Boletim de Saúde (Health Journal) is undergoing a process of reindexation. This process is based on advancements, but also on the confrontation with old problems. One of them is the direction that we must and want to outline for this important and historical regional journal which has had, as a basic premise, during its trajectory, to sponsor publications that resulted from research done in the region, a tradition that has been ongoing for four decades. We move ahead in this tension between the history and the need for new guidelines demanded by CAPES, through its QUALIS system.

To follow the defining guidelines for the inclusion in indexers like the Scielo system means to abandon this historically constructed project and identity, in order to align with the new guidelines, thus contributing toward the construction of changes that the advancement of knowledge and the present demands require, a standard of excellence in the scientific production, based on this conception. But it also means to abandon the emphasis placed on articles originating in the Post-Graduation courses of the Public Health School itself, and the articles that are of interest to the regional SUS, the funder of this whole process. It is a hard decision, that demands an urgent political and strategic definition by the top management of the State Secretariat of Health.

Despite this scenario, new perspectives are emerging, which may bring along alternatives. In a

recent activity promoted by CAPES, we were informed that this institution will implement the perception of value of the scientific production of the Post Graduations, by taking into account their social insertion. One of the criteria to be used is that of the connection of the production with the local and regional context. Maybe by doing so, with these guidelines, CAPES may provide survival to journals like ours, which has been published over a period of 39 years and has been daily struggling in the collision between intense propagation and the search of article authors to compose the production staff, and of these authors looking for journals that meet the CAPES criteria of excellence.

Within the present line, the topics approach different experiences, which are a product of research developed in the regional scope.

In this issue, you will find articles on diagnostics in oral health with school children, partnerships between school and community, the impact of changes in work organizations on the health of workers and their defense strategies, changes that have taken place in the process of reception and the use of poetry in mental health, the power of the media, the consumer society and health, the evaluation of ambulatory physiotherapy, of breastfeeding, and users of a third age attention unit. And, finally, we present a few reflections on the contribution of the Escola de Saúde Pública (Public Health School) of Rio Grande do Sul toward the sanitariat movements, over the last 25 years, here in our State.

Good reading to all!

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