Collective health under review

In 2010, Ciência & Saúde Coletiva - an official journal of the Brazilian Association of Collective Health - is celebrating its 15th anniversary. Despite it is in its full adolescence, the journal has acquired sufficient maturity to be indexed among the best scientific and health database of the world. In the recent three years, it has been standing among the three Brazilian journals in public health with the greatest impact, in accordance with data provided by SciELO. And, in this last year (2009) it reached the figure of 1,400 papers received for publication. This excess of demand is a challenge for its publishers, as it is known that all collaborators would like to see their papers published immediately. And, however and unfortunately, a great number of approved articles continues in the portfolio retained for a longer time than what is intended.

Along its course and in each issue of the journal, the Collective Health was handled in its most varied aspects, receiving consecrated subjects and opening itself to new themes, including, but not limited to worker’s health, violence and health, public policies, gender and health, health economics, science and technology in health, genetics and public health, debates on ethics and researches with trunk cells, impact of the social issue over health, SUS as a State Policy, assessment in health, PNAD’s analysis of health and men’s health. In case of the theme men’s health, Ciência & Saúde Coletiva was pioneer, opening way to the first movements for the creation of a national policy focused on male population’s health. All themes addressed along these 15 years are listed on the website of the journal (www.cienciaesaudecoletiva.com.br), also all articles that have been published can be accessed upon clicking on the link of SciELO base.

In this forthcoming year, the journal will innovate by publishing thematic axis that appeared from authors’ demand itself, pointing out relevant researches in the area, at the same time the issues organized by people and group that are part of the industry will continue to be published.

The successful results acquired by Ciência & Saúde Coletiva from the joint work of the entire publishing body, opinion providers and collaborators present to them challenges to keep the reputable quality standard required by the indexing bases. In turn, they demand that the assessment and publishing quality criteria are progressively improved.

Due to all aspects referred to here, its editors express their thankfulness to the million collaborators and readers, the major responsible for the increasing levels of quotes and impact of Ciência & Saúde Coletiva. They also thank SciELO base for the transcendental importance they have in the publishing of the magazine, and all the indexing bases with which they hold a trust relation, fostering bodies – CNPq and CAPES – which grant, in addition to financial contribution, their reliability approval. And, finally, they express their thankfulness to Fundação Oswaldo Cruz, which is an essential partner that makes logistics feasible, contributes to funding and make available people that devote part of their time to the construction of this major project that is Ciência & Saúde Coletiva journal.

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