

The editorial project of **Interface** has undergone countless reformulations over these 15 years of activities in order to meet the increasing volume of submissions and also to be in tune with the transformations in the ways of disseminating scientific knowledge, especially those stimulated by new communication and information technologies.

From 2004 to 2011, the number of submissions received by the journal increased more than eightfold. Part of this growth was a result of the greater visibility that the journal acquired when it was included in the SciELO database in 2005. However, the growth in the field of Public Health in Brazil over the last decade also needs to be taken into consideration. Consulting the SJR database¹, it can be seen that Brazilian production in the Public Health sub-area (which includes Occupational Health and Environmental Health) rose from tenth to fourth position, among all the world's countries, in volume of quotable papers published between the years 2000 and 2010. In the Health sub-area within Social Sciences, in which **Interface** has been indexed in the Scopus database since 2007, Brazil rose from twelfth to sixth position².

It is important to highlight that this significant increase in the number of submissions has produced a relative reduction in the papers published, on an annual basis, in relation to the total number that are received – from 24% in 2007 to 14% in 2010 – although, over the same period, the total number of papers that were published grew from 55 to 80 per year. To maintain the interval between submission and publication at acceptable levels, the journal's original frequency of publication of twice a year was increased to three times a year in 2007, and four times a year in 2008.

Interface was launched as a printed journal and this version has been maintained up to the present day, although its circulation has been decreased over the last few years to reduce costs. However, since its launch in 1997, we have adopted a model of open access to its content, initially through its website <www.interface.org.br> and, from 2005 onwards, also in the SciELO Brazil and SciELO Social Sciences databases. Since 2006, the latter has also included the English translation of a significant portion of the published articles, with the authors responsible for translation costs and the journal, for revision costs.

Over the two-year period 2012 – 2013, the priority is to reduce the interval between submission and evaluation of the papers' merit, and also between submission and publication of the approved manuscripts, to less than 12 months. To achieve this goal, we have been expanding the numbers of associated editors, who are now called *area editors*, and strengthening the professionalization process within the editorial board, through face-to-face meetings and instructions for our collaborators. Moreover, we have been promoting managerial enhancement of the editorial process. Examples of this include definition of a term of office for members of the editorial board, evaluation of editors' and reviewers' performance and expansion of the invitations for researchers to act as evaluators.

One of the changes that will be implemented in 2012 is prioritization of the electronic version of the journal. The journal's website is being totally reformulated, as we have been investing in a more modern and friendlier interface that includes new functional features and resources that are not available in the SciELO database.

Another decision that we have made is to increase the number of papers published in English. Full implementation of this measure will depend on fund-raising. At the same time, we will maintain the goal of stimulating translation into English of other approved papers, written in Portuguese or Spanish. All the translated papers will continue to be published in the SciELO Brazil and SciELO Social Sciences databases.

We hope that, through these measures, we will be able to maintain the quality of our journal and, at the same time, continue to serve the community of readers and researchers of the fields in which we act. Furthermore, we hope to reposition **Interface** in the light of the new requirements that the updating processes for publications and scientific journals have placed on all of us, editors and researchers.

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¹ Source: SCImago. SJR — SCImago Journal & Country Rank, 2011. Available from: <<http://www.scimagojr.com>>. Accessed on: Sep. 5, 2011.

² It is important to note that over this same period, Brazilian science as a whole rose from 17th to 13th position.