



Editorial

It is with great satisfaction that I present the first issue of the 2013 Acta Paulista de Enfermagem. When I accepted the role to be chief editor of this journal, my first idea was to develop an editorial project which would place us among the best international nursing journals.

We began with the professionalization of the editorial office, adopting ScholarOne which is an international reference system that processes online web submission of manuscripts by authors and enables the flow of review and evaluation by means of intervention of the chief editor, associate editors and ad-hoc peer reviewers. The layout of articles began to be conducted in the editorial office of Acta, and soon, we will adopt the system of intelligent marking in the XML format, required by PubMed Central.

To collaborate with authors and readers we are using social networks to disseminate information about how to write original articles, the scientific method of investigation, and the essential steps for planning and developing of scientific research: how to develop a research plan and its corresponding project; formulating the object of the research; review of specialized literature; selection and application of research instruments; the collection, management, and analysis of data; presentation of results; editing and the choice of ways for disseminating results; and, employing critical analysis in reading articles of scientific dissemination related to your research topic.

Our new journal website (www.unifesp.br/acta) is dynamic, interactive and pleasing to the reader, presenting all the necessary information for collaborators: readers, authors and reviewers.

I believe that the quality of the original articles published should contribute to the advancement of nursing knowledge and increase the level of citation and the applicability of the information provided by the Acta Paulista de Enfermagem, making it an excellent vehicle for the dissemination of scientific knowledge in nursing generated through the rigor of the research methodology and of ethics.

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