

## *Changes in the editorial policy of the Journal Psychological Studies (Campinas)*

We celebrate the finalization of the last issue of this year with many changes in the Journal Psychological Studies (*Campinas*). We believe that these changes reflect the Journal's seriousness and compromise with the scientific community and the desire to improve continuously the quality and impact of its publications.

First, since January of this year we have been using the platform ScholarOne. This international article database allows authors to follow their manuscripts from submission until the approval by referees. Since the database is in English, we have made a bilingual adaptation (Portuguese and English) of this database aiming to facilitate articles submission and reviews. Undoubtedly, this procedure will eliminate authors' common complaint of not knowing the assessment stage of their articles and simultaneously decrease delays in this process.

Another great change was the adoption of thematic sections in each issue in order to allow readers for a better search of topics related to their main interests. In issue 2 (volume 32) we started a section on "Coping and self-regulation", focusing not only on the theoretical aspects of this theme but also on current studies by Brazilian and foreign professionals. Issue 3 brings a theme section on "Critical Psychology", which aims to debate this theoretical approach and its impacts on different fields of psychology, thereby including the contributions of Brazilian and foreign authors. The last issue of this year discusses the theme "Creativity and giftedness", aiming to demonstrate the importance of this subject and its implications to different areas as well as the possibility of not only identifying but also developing creativity in different segments.

We would also like to emphasize that the Journal has experienced a considerable increase in the number of citations related to Google Academics. It ranks fourth among all Brazilian Psychology journals and appears among the first 50 most cited Brazilian journals of all areas. We intend to continuously increase the internationalization of the Journal, publishing more articles in English of foreign authors as well as inviting authors with approved articles to have them translated into English to increase their readership.

Now the Journal is only issued in electronic format. More information has been added about plagiarism and its penalties, thereby meeting SCOPUS' new requirements as the Journal is again indexed in this important electronic database.

Finally, we would like to thank the associated and *ad hoc* consultants for their important work that allowed the further improvement and scientific strengthening of our Journal. We also invite the readers of our Journal to continue submitting their articles and to collaborate by referring the Journal to their peers. Hence, we hope that the 2016 issues will continue to contribute to the scientific advancement of the area of Psychology a national and international levels.

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