

# Multicenter research project: a challenge

## Projeto de pesquisa multicêntrico: um desafio

Once the first phase of challenges which included taxation and legal sanitation of the entity have overcome, it is a duty for the new board of directors whom assumed, in August 2010, the *Associação Brasileira de Pesquisa e Pós-Graduação em Fisioterapia/Brazilian Association of Research and Post Graduation in Physical Therapy (ABRAPG-Ft)*, to direct efforts for the promotion of studies and discussions which support people interested in the advances of the Physical Therapy field.

Undoubtedly, owning an international scientific journal, such as the *Revista Brasileira de Fisioterapia* (Brazilian Journal of Physical Therapy), is a facilitator within the reach of the Institutions of Higher Education. Similarly, it is interesting that, in scientific events related to the activities of research and post graduation *stricto sensu* from this field, that discussions could be stimulated among the groups that compose the different fields of action, allowing the exposure of the diversity of interfaces and the multiplicity of studies related to Physical Therapy.

In this context, we propose the creation of research groups which, separated by their themes and their objects of study within the Physical Therapy field, provide the presentation as members of the ABRAPG-Ft, in any of their actions. Thus, from internal discussions of these groups constituted in networks, the association's voice will be able to become more relevant to the *Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal de Nível Superior (CAPES)*, as well as to the *Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico (CNPq)* and other Brazilian funding agencies.

The fact that the constitution of such groups is likely to emerge from the common interest by some Physical Therapy themes; it is possible that these networks will stimulate the identification of other researchers and institutions with similar study interests, predisposing the development of partnerships and research collaborations.

Aiming to facilitate the creation of these partnerships, the ABRAPG-Ft invites everyone to participate of the VI Fórum Nacional de Pesquisa e Pós-graduação em Fisioterapia/VI National Forum of Research and Post Graduation in Physical Therapy, which will take place at the Faculdade de Medicina de Ribeirão Preto/Universidade de São Paulo (USP), from May 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> of 2011. Projects of multicenter studies will be presented with the objective to constitute research groups. Up to the forum dates, on-line meetings will be performed to generate such projects, and all members will be invited to participate timely.

Therefore, from the meetings to any segment of intellectual production, a group serves as a model to the others. The adoption of strategies which use previous capacities and resources may create advantages both in relation to the reduction of the time taken to perform any action, as well as for the learning and knowledge earned due to new advances in research, or even for the achievement of publications. These knowledge and experiences can provide a higher competency for all members involved.

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One association is strong only if it is representative and has active members. To materialize this, the ABRAPG-Ft needs to amplify its board of members, reason why we invite all of you to visit the association's homepage ([www.abrapg-ft.org.br](http://www.abrapg-ft.org.br)) and to commit yourselves to it, becoming able to actively participate from its discussions.

The ABRAPG-Ft assumes its role as a co-responsible for the knowledge promotion, for qualifying the professional which works in the institutions of higher education or in the job market that directly serves the society, and, in this context, the new administration proposes to make a more dynamic action.

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