

REBEn and the 80 years of our Association

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The eighty years of the Associação Brasileira de Enfermagem (Brazilian Nursing Association) in this year has propitiated moments of commemoration, reflection, discussion, and mainly of propositions for this entity so special for Brazilian Nurses. ABEn has done much along this eight decades for the recognition, growth and for the participation of our category in the Brazilian and international scenarios. However, there is much to be built.

The Revista Brasileira de Enfermagem (Brazilian Journal of Nursing), as the main organ of scientific diffusion of the association has accomplished its role in the building of care science in our country.

Created in 1932, initially named *Annaes de Enfermagem*, this journal, single and the first for sometime, always meant a compromise of a visionary group of nurses with the growth of this area in Brazil. To become the dream of having a journal for the Brazilian Nursing a reality, the pioneers did not save their efforts. Celebrities as Rachel Haddock Lobo, Zaira Cintra Vidal, Haydée Guanais Dourado, Maria Rosa de Souza, among others, had in common the ideal to make nursing a recognized profession, but above all, seeking for nursing insertion in the scientific community through the diffusion of the knowledge of nursing area.

Currently REBEn has survived despite difficulties. These difficulties are similar to the ones of other journals: dependence of funding from subscriptions, no external funding support, non-standardised submissions and the need of successive reviews, beyond other that are common for non academic journals. In addition, the fight for attending qualification criteria for indexation, the successive change of the Publishing Committee each three years, the insufficiency of human resources and decentralized files.

In face of this scenario, the management professionalization of this journal is a pressing need for the editorial market needs also can be attended, not only to assure its continuity with quality improvement, but also to catch external resources that make possible editorial demands.

The essential availability of full text in the Health Virtual Library (BVS) project in partnership with PAHO is a reality that, although necessary, brings urgency for changes in journal organization structure. To proceed with those changes without resources seems not to be enough so far, just like it was in past decades.

The present time imposes new demands, the future demands for changing and REBEn waits to assimilate them.