

# I Editorial

## Epidemiology and Health Services: history, achievements, and future

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In the year that it celebrates its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, *Epidemiology and Health Services: journal of the Brazilian National Health System* (RESS) reached important achievements. After being indexed in MEDLINE® in the end of 2016,<sup>1</sup> in 2017, it was indexed in Scopus, Embase (both from Elsevier) and Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI, a new database within Clarivate Analytics' Web of Science). These indexings mark the beginning of a new period for RESS, with greater extent and international visibility.

Another relevant achievement for RESS in 2017 was that it rose to the 18<sup>th</sup> position at Google Scholar ranking, among all scientific journals published in Portuguese worldwide. Each year, RESS has been scaling up in this ranking; in 2016, it occupied the 33<sup>rd</sup> position. In addition, RESS was classified as grade Qualis B2, as per the assessment committee on Public Health of the Brazilian Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (Capes), in the 2013-2016 four-yearly evaluation process.<sup>2</sup> Due to these achievements, RESS now ranks among the leading journals in the area of Public Health in Brazil and worldwide.

The scientific communication capacity of RESS has also increased. In 2017, RESS launched its blog (available at: <https://revistaress.blogspot.com.br/>), its Twitter account and considerably improved the number of followers at Facebook (available at: <https://www.facebook.com/ress.svs>), which surpassed 5 thousand followers. This year, there were carried out two editions of RESS Evidencia Prize, regarding the best articles published in 2015 and 2016.

At the end of a year of achievements and celebration, RESS publishes a special article which reviews its history, since its creation, in 1992, as SUS *Epidemiological Report* (IESUS), going through its changes occurred in 2003, up to the current moment.<sup>3</sup> The study described the subjects covered and the geographic spread of authors' institutions of the articles published in IESUS and RESS; and mapped RESS editorial policies and strategies in the following areas of focus: education, information, communication, co-responsibility and anticipation.<sup>4</sup>

In revisiting the past, RESS casts its gaze on the future. The journal was built on solid foundations, with emphasis to its institutional bond to the Secretariat of Health Surveillance (SVS) of the Ministry of Health (SVS/MS), as well as the composition of its Editorial Board, which includes internal and external members of SVS/MS. These characteristics enabled the continuity of the journal in its 25 years of existence, with the guarantee of its editorial autonomy and the adoption of the highest editorial and ethical standards in scientific publication.

In the future, its team will continue working so that RESS remains on the successful path of growth and visibility increase, and consolidate itself in the national and international editorial environment as a unique journal that privileges the dissemination of epidemiological knowledge applicable to health services within the scope of the Brazilian National Health System and promotes an important approximation between these services and the academy.

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