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## Editorial

To state that the modern world is characterized, inter alia, by quantity, quality and speed of changes in all areas including professional life, everyday life, Sciences & Technology, productive systems and all related systems and subsystems, is clearly obvious.

The dissemination of scientific production of a certain field of study, such as Public Health and Collective Health, naturally requires constant changes not only to make this production more accessible, but also to make more pleasant and esthetically compensatory the absorption of knowledge. Any knowledge must be useful, correct, innovative and, why not to say, beautiful.

**Saúde e Sociedade** changed its format, became prettier, but it is also more functional and “paired” with similar publications.

Like people, magazines have life and phases of life. Let us say that **Saúde e Sociedade** changed phase and not only its external appearance or “way of

dressing”. It is heading towards maturity, a feature of a publication consolidated in the Health field, and has decided to escalate the ranking of scientific publications, bearing in mind the commitment to its basic principles:

- “To report strict scientific reflection, in the form of essays;
- to stir up controversies in order to establish a healthy atmosphere of debate about ideas, proposals and practices among healthcare professionals;
- to open more space for human sciences of which contribution may be vital to Public/Collective Health;
- to disseminate innovative practices, proposed or carried out in Healthcare Services, which may enrich the debate in this field.” \*

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