

## A new era for Revista Biblios

Dear authors, reviewers and readers of Revista Biblios,

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome you to the latest issue of Revista Biblios, with a history of 25 years and a total of 86 issues published. This issue marks the beginning of a new era for the magazine, as we have been sharing the leadership for almost a year with the new team, and this milestone represents not only a significant advance in terms of cultural diversity and inclusion, but also reflects our commitment to a new sustainable management project for Revista Biblios.

Under this management, our main objective is to bring the issues up to date, while at the same time working to decentralize the leadership of the magazine to just one person, recognizing that "one swallow does not a summer make". We value shared management, where all team members can contribute their unique skills and competencies, and multi-institutional representation, giving visibility to different countries and universities. In some countries, such as Brazil, government quality assessment bodies for postgraduate courses have encouraged the creation of scientific journals in each higher education institution, understanding it as one of the quality criteria for financial incentives for projects or improvements.

In the editors' opinion, we can say that having a journal for each postgraduate program in a given area, even respecting their thematic nuances, is not a good strategy in the context of open access scientific journals maintained by public institutions or those without institutional affiliation. Most of the time we think about creating a journal, but not about how to keep it alive in the scientific community, how to keep the infrastructures increasingly qualified in the global scientific context. As a result, many journals are born and stagnate, or are discontinued for a variety of reasons, with people in editorial roles ranging from personal, economic, political and social problems. The causes are structural, and one of the problems is the lack of recognition of this activity in the institutions responsible for publishing.

So, bearing in mind that we want to maintain open access, as well as implementing other aspects of open science, as of 2023, we have started some actions to implement the shared (multi-institutional), collaborative and transparent management plan. Shared management has the support of different institutions, promoting and giving visibility to the role of the editor, who is still, even in the context of open science, one of the main people responsible for publishing quality research.

With this in mind, and looking to the future, in 2024 we will welcome two new scientific editors, Fabiano Couto - Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul and Laura Vilela Rodrigues Rezende - Federal University of Goiás (UFG), as well as an executive editor, Larissa Drumond (UFG). With their arrival, we are trying to put decentralized management and multi-institutional responsibility into practice.

In addition to increasing the team, the focus of the new management is to improve the quality of the articles published in Biblios. To achieve this goal, we have developed a number of

resources, such as: the article quality checklist (for use by the editor and author), a system of weekly meetings with the team, information and knowledge management practices (process mapping, use of Notion to record the entire administrative side of the journal). The checklist to assist editors in the systematic evaluation of articles, with the aim of pointing out to authors what has or has not met the established criteria, ensuring a more transparent and consistent approach to the evaluation of articles.

As of 2024, authors will have public access to this checklist, making it easier to check that articles meet the criteria before they are submitted to Biblios, speeding up the entire editorial process and reducing the time needed for review and publication.

The biggest problems perceived by our editorial team and reviewers over the last four years include a lack of methodological rigor and superficiality in the presentation of results, i.e. a lack of scientific discussion in the narrative of the results. The authors are merely describing content rather than worrying about the significance of their scientific findings.

As part of the prerogative to improve editorial quality, we made an unsuccessful attempt to promote open science through open interaction between editors and authors. Although this revealed significant advances in the quality of the text, it was realized that it is unfeasible considering the socio-economic context of the countries involved with the manuscripts, as well as the need for more robust training in editorial ethics, scientific maturity and humility when people are in hierarchies in the academic community.

Finally, we are committed to tackling these challenges with determination and transparency. We believe that, with a collaborative approach and a focus on quality, we will be able to raise the standard of Revista Biblios and continue to be a reliable source and a productive space for the construction and discussion of scientific knowledge in the field of Information Science.

We thank all the authors, reviewers, editors and readers for their continued support and look forward to continuing this journey together.

Sincerely,

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