

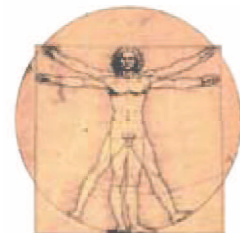
Editorial

We heard from a regular reader of *Revista Bioética* that the pioneering and quality of the publication are still not sufficiently recognized in the academic area in our country. We cannot disagree, even restricting this opinion only to the institutional dimension and considering among these institutions, specifically the Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (Capes), which evaluates and ranks national publications to indicate which could be accepted in graduate programs

It is a fact that bioethics is a relatively new field and that the Brazilian production is breaking disciplinary boundaries, which complicates the understanding of the value of the produced knowledge. However, one cannot help noticing that *Revista Bioética* is not being properly recognized by the Capes' committees, at least in the past five years. In spite of the efforts to increase and maintain the frequency, as well as the quantity and quality of the published articles. A rigorous system of peer review was also instituted and all regulatory specifications required by journals indexing databases have been met. Therefore, the relatively insignificant classification of *Revista Bioética* at Capes was a puzzle to our editors and Editorial Board, particularly when considering it a journal whose history follows the creation and consolidation of the discipline itself in Brazil.

In order to reflect on the opinion of our readers, to which we make the chorus in this editorial, we bring the strata classifying the magazine, published by Capes, which remained the same since the change of parameters in 2008. Although we do not have yet the final evaluation results of 2012 in three areas (Interdisciplinary, Dentistry and Philosophy/Theology, in the two sub-committees), in which we expect to increase our ranking, *Revista Bioética* remains at the same levels in almost all the others: B3 in Nursing, Psychology, Social Work; B5 in Languages/Linguistics, Medicine I and Medicine II - continuing also with a C review in Law. We believe that this classification falls short of what the magazine actually deserves.

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Nevertheless, we believe that this is not the time to be discouraged: we achieved significant improvement in the area of Collective Health, in which we moved from C to B4, earning also a classification in Sociology, as B5. This is still not much, it is true, but we consider this recognition promising. We understand that it mirrors the transformations that bioethics has undergone in Brazil, which have been opening itself to discussion of social problems, notably those arising from socioeconomic inequalities. The inclusion of Revista Bioetica in an area of knowledge and the improvement of its ranking in another testify to both the editorial willingness to produce a quality journal and confirm the role of the discipline as a promoter of ethical reflection in health in the collective dimension.

Therefore, we want to stress that the recognition for these two evaluation areas by Capes touches us deeply. We realize that this is not only restricted to Revista Bioetica, but extends to the discipline itself, in its commitment to substantiate the knowledge production transdisciplinary field. We also believe that this involves all those who fight for ethics, social justice and health through bioethical reflection. It should be further stressed that with respect to the number of readers, authors, reviewers and online access, we can (proudly) point to an evident growth in recent years. This fact seems to be an indisputable sign of legitimacy (if not from the critics, at least from the public) that drives us to continue to achieve more significant strata in strictly institutional assessments.

Finally we congratulate you, dear reader, who is finishing reading this editorial right now. This year Revista Bioetica celebrates its twentieth anniversary, in a two decades course of intense and fruitful intellectual exchange in favor of ethics in our country. And it would not have occurred without the watchful eye of every one of you: without our readers' interested reflection and our authors' generosity, who share their results with us. So congratulations to all!

The anniversary of Revista Bioetica is especially yours, you who accompanies, encourages, supports and criticizes us. The changes in the graphic design of the issue that you have in hand were thought as a gift to provide comfort to read that we hope it will continue so enjoyable and informative as always.

The editors