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Financial support and ethics in scientific publications

A considerable number of recent publications have put focus on topics related to science in Brazil. Graduate programs, researchers and scientific journals have been the object of numerous comprehensive reviews because of the necessary assessment of the activities, agents and rules of the games under which this field of life acts. Different types of interests cross the scientific field, especially those relating to the financing agents of activities that aim at disseminating and sharing the results of scientific researches.

We understand that scientific journals, like other spaces of action in the field of science, should be totally transparent regarding their inherent interests, which includes the relationship with sponsors. So, we consider it important to explicit our funding sources. Furthermore, we emphasize that it is imperative to make known the procedures that we follow and the principles that guide us when we seek funding to guarantee our financial survival.

In Brazil, a considerable number of research efforts have been developed with public funds. It is our belief that the knowledge so produced should return to society through open access to full texts, without costs or any sort of obstacle to the author or readers.

The financing agents that assist us should keep the same identity regarding the ethical standards that we follow. The independence and autonomy of this journal on the matters that are published are pillars that support us. In this sense, envisaging a sound horizon for our editorial project, we are very proud to announce the financial support granted through the Public Notice no. 44/2013 of Support to the Publication of Institutional Scientific and Technological Journals.

In addition to the important support that will enable us to expand our activities, we have the recognition for our efforts from one of the most renowned institutions. They are financial and symbolic capitals that represent a recognition and appreciation of our work, thus legitimating the quality of our achievements.

In the present year, our Editorial Board is entirely committed to include our journal in more international indexing services and will undertake the best efforts to achieve this goal. The scientific field of Food and Nutrition in Brazil needs more publications with high academic, ethical and social level.

Readers, authors and reviewers: we will appreciate your intense participation in this process! Submit your good manuscripts. We will examine them with careful attention and speed.

Let us build together our DEMETRA: Food, Nutrition & Health!

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