

Constant publishing work, even in hardship!!  
UERJ is more alive than ever!!  
And so shall it remain!!

**Trabalho editorial constante, mesmo na adversidade!!  
A UERJ, mais do que nunca, está viva!!  
E assim seguirá!!**

There are many exclamation marks in the text for a good reason.

As everyone knows, the State University of Rio de Janeiro - our highly-esteemed UERJ, the public institution that hosts our journal - has been facing one of the most troublesome times ever since it was founded.

In order to share information about the current scenario and the latest events, in this editorial we have transcribed the most recent announcement published in the Forum of Directors of Academic Units of UERJ, on February 10, 2017.

In this context, we emphasize our willingness to continue the work of DEMETRA, even in the face of such difficulties. Such conduct is based on the solid and constant support we have received from UERJ, the editorial board and the technical staff of the journal, thus ensuring the production and publication of DEMETRA in a very respectful manner to all authors, reviewers and readers who recognize and trust in the academic excellence of this great University.

We reaffirm our serious commitment to science and education, as usual!!

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*Shirley Donizete Prado and Fabiana Bom Kraemer*

Editors

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### ***Note the Forum of directors of UERJ***

*The Office of the Provost of the State University of Rio de Janeiro held another meeting with the Forum of Directors of Academic Units, the Vice Provosts and the Directors of Sectoral Centers on 10 February 2017. It also held meetings on the last few days with the new Secretary of Science, Technology, and Innovation; a meeting with the Honorable Governor, and another meeting with officials from the Public Ministry. All these meetings opened up new channels of negotiation in order to provide the University with basic operational conditions. As a result, it was determined that **classes at UERJ cannot start** on February 13, as previously hoped.*

*The Office of the Provost, along with the Forum of Directors, recognizes the importance of the new scenario of negotiations that are underway. Such negotiations allow the construction of new paths, aiming at full resumption of academic activities at UERJ, in particular, the start of classes of the 2016.2 term.*

*In this sense, the Forum of Directors decided to hold meetings on a regular basis to monitor the implementation of the negotiations announced by the State Government of Rio de Janeiro so as to overcome the severe crisis which affects UERJ.*

*The Forum of Directors also decided that classes will start within two working days, shortly after the (re-)establishment of the basic operational conditions of the University, already duly reported by the Office of the Provost to the State Bureau of Science, Technology, and Innovation (SECTI), the State Governor and the Public Ministry.*

*These conditions include:*

- *regular fund transfers for overall maintenance, with estimates of monthly financial quota;*
- *plan for settlement of payments to third party companies (maintenance, infrastructure, cleaning, security, garbage collection and university cafeteria);*
- *regular payment of salaries, including bonuses, student scholarships and other types of wages.*

*The Forum of Directors has positive expectations about new levels of dialog with the State Government and about the effective prioritization of education, science, technology and innovation in our State. Thus, the Forum will meet again, in person, on February 16, in order to assess the outcomes of the negotiations which are now in progress.*

*The Academic Community, in general, is clearly expressing its willingness to resume the academic activities. We reaffirm that our sense of responsibility continues to underpin the decisions taken herein by signatories, in view of our commitment to full compliance with the mission of this University toward the university community and the population of the State of Rio de Janeiro.*

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