

Social and Human Sciences in Food and Nutrition: thematic supplement, inauguration of the Debate Section and assignment of DOI to the publications

Once again we bring important editorial news: the assignment of the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) to the articles, the publication of the first thematic supplement, the opening of the Debate Section, the reaffirmation of the growing number of articles in each issue, and the first step toward the increase of the frequency of our journal in 2014.

This year 2013 has been of the most importance for the consolidation of **DEMETRA: Food, Nutrition & Health**, starting with the publication of our first thematic supplement, oriented to Social and Human Sciences in Food and Nutrition.

It is an initiative of the Center for the Studies on Nutrition and Culture (NECTAR), conceived as a contribution to the activities of the VI Brazilian Congress of Social and Human Sciences in Health (VI CBCHS), an event promoted by the Brazilian Association of Collective Health (ABRASCO) and held at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UERJ) from 13 to 17 November 2013. It is worth noting that researchers of NECTAR, alongside others who also participated in the ABRASCO's Work Group on Food and Nutrition in Collective Health, have been working considerably in order that themes that fit this core of knowledge, articulating Nutrition and Humanities, have a place in important scientific events such as the VI CBCHS.

We proceeded to a call for papers that resulted in a pleasant and substantive surprise, given the great number of high-level academic works that have been submitted. Two lines of study organize the manuscripts published: those that deal with food senses and meanings and those oriented to Food and Nutrition as a scientific field. We believe that this is an important milestone in the history of the journal and in the field in question.

In this supplemental issue, we open the Debates Section with an article by César Sabino and Maria Claudia Carvalho addressing social change from the perspective of structural-functionalist anthropology regarding commensality, which was discussed by invited researchers from Brazil and abroad. Then, it is given to the authors of the first article the opportunity to respond to the

panelists. We credit this intellectual initiative to *Ciência & Saúde Coletiva*, an ABRASCO publication, which makes the initial part of each issue available for discussion on a given subject. It is part of our plans to provide new sections of this kind in the near future.

This thematic set represents two editorial achievements: the reaffirmation of the growing number of articles per issue and the first step toward the increase of the frequency of our journal. Yes! With the publication of this thematic supplement and issue no. 3 next December, by the end of the year we will have published four issues. This puts us in a favorable condition to work on a quarterly basis in 2014, and then we will be publishing at least ten articles in each issue.

Finally, and so important as the above notes, in this thematic supplement and henceforth we will inform the Digital Object Identifier (DOI) of the articles published in our e-journal. Like the ISBN or E-ISBN for books and the ISSN or E-ISSN for periodicals, the DOI corresponds to a single and exclusive code of international identification for each object on digital networks, which enables, for example, to promptly locate an article in the Internet, facilitating its authentication.

Our efforts have been supported by the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro - UERJ, and we take this opportunity to once again extend our sincere thanks to the sectors that see in our work a possibility of institutional improvement.

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