

## The importance of investing in sections of debates and themed issues in the field of Food and Nutrition

From this second issue of 2014, we will regularly rely on a Debate Section in our DEMETRA.

Last year we had our first experience with such type of publishing when releasing our first themed issue on Social Sciences and Humanities in Food and Nutrition. Our guidelines include suggesting an article to be discussed by three researchers in the field; the authors of the original text gain space to offer a response to the debaters. Thus, in addition to the publication of a well-qualified article, all kinds of issues related to it may be raised to strengthen the approach to the matter. It is a valuable space for us, because it represents a place of freedom.

Authors of all areas of knowledge that make up the food and nutrition field may be invited to this place. That is the case of the article entitled “Perspectives of family farming product supply to the food and nutrition security public agencies in Brasília” (*Perspectivas do fornecimento de produtos da agricultura familiar para os equipamentos públicos de segurança alimentar e nutricional no Distrito Federal*). We would like to thank the authors Giselle Silva Garcia and Elisabetta Recine, as well as Professors Estelamaris Tronco Monego, Silvia do Amaral Rigon and Islandia Bezerra for accepting our invitation to participate on this debate.

Likewise, we are open to receiving proposals for themed issues which, besides the Debate Section, might include anywhere from 5-15, or even more, articles outlined from extensive public calls for papers.

We would like to note that we continue expanding onto bibliographic databases and directories of academic journals. We have already joined ten of those spaces on the Internet and we have requested to be included in some other databases that have not replied to us yet. Such initiatives provide greater national and international visibility to our journal, which has been gaining strength at every new indexing.

It is also important to highlight that we began to publish twice as many articles as we did last year, both due to increased frequency – we started to publish four issues a year, along with themed issues – and due to the rise in the number of articles published in each issue.

Professors, researchers, students, specialists: we look forward to your active participation! Send us your good work. We will provide detailed, careful and prompt evaluations.

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

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