The time has come to introduce ourselves as Editors-in-Chief of Cadernos de Saúde Pública/Reports in Public Health (CSP). The Director of the Sergio Arouca National School of Public Health at the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation (ENSP/Fiocruz) has honored us with the invitation to occupy this joint position. First, we wish to express our heartfelt recognition for the work of Carlos Coimbra Jr., whose legacy will be difficult to surpass. Importantly, we have received a well-tuned executive staff, a group of dedicated Associate Editors, and unequivocal support from the Director of ENSP.

When the former Editor-in-Chief of CSP stepped down after 20 years, a new phase began for the journal. We are three women, scientists, researchers working in the field of Public Health, with diverse academic backgrounds and personalities. Claudia Travassos, a specialist in health services research, has accompanied the journal for some 20 years. Marilia Sá Carvalho, an epidemiologist, works with various aspects of statistical modeling. Cláudia Medina Coeli, a professor at the Institute of Studies in Public Health at the Federal University in Rio de Janeiro (IESC/UFRJ), and also an epidemiologist, focuses principally on the use of secondary data in health research and evaluation. This format establishes the participation by a researcher from outside the Fiocruz faculty as one of the Editors-in-Chief and strengthens CSP as a channel for disseminating Brazilian and international scientific output in Public Health, without an exclusively in-house institutional approach.

Over the course of the last 25 years, CSP has established itself as an important vehicle for publishing scientific production in Public Health. Our challenge is to ensure the continuity of this successful editorial project, promoting changes that further dynamize the journal’s relationship with the field. Our first change has been to expand the body of Associate Editors in order to deal with the growing number of article submissions and the diversity of themes. Other changes, currently under discussion, include the introduction of new journal sections and editorial technologies to enhance interaction with and among researchers and especially with society at large.

We have spent the last month learning how to be editors and honing our approaches. We do not intend to become three separate Editors-in-Chief, each focusing on a specific theme or set of themes, but rather editors of CSP as a whole, embracing Public Health’s rich diversity. The excellent work by the Associate Editors guarantees the appropriate treatment of each theme’s specificity, no matter how complex and at times thorny some reviews and assessments may be. Meanwhile, the editorial process receives support through critical and detailed assessment by numerous consultants who collaborate on a daily basis to make the journal possible.

We currently receive some 35 new manuscripts a week and publish 15 to 20 articles per month. Such statistics illustrate the intensity of the field’s scientific output and the painstaking editorial work involved in publishing a monthly science journal in Brazil. The authors are the main actors in the history of CSP. Our project is to consolidate Cadernos de Saúde Pública as a vehicle for expressing the dynamics of Public Health, and we are grateful for having been entrusted with this task.

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