Saúde e Sociedade, in its 22nd volume, is consolidated and outstanding as a scientific publication with regularity and great reach in the field of public and collective health in its interface with social and human sciences. It is well established in Brazil and has an increasing international insertion.

The journal has published papers coming from around twenty different areas of evaluation of the CAPES Post-Graduate Programs. Their new Qualis Journals classification places Saúde e Sociedade in a prominent position in some of these areas, such as Environment and Geography Sciences, with a A2 grade. In Collective Health area, Saúde e Sociedade has been graded as B1, among other important journals with comparable profiles.

This year begins with new sections in the journal. Editors will organize Thematic Dossiers, presenting texts originated from innovative research or essays written by invited authors, in order to lead the discussion about emergent themes in Public and Collective Health. In this number, the Dossier discusses knowledge production at the interface between Social Sciences and Public / Collective Health, presenting the results of a Round Table organized by us in 2012. Its objective was to evoke the debate about what is new in this interface that could guide the difficult job of the journal’s editors.

Another new section will regularly publish interviews with people whose life and professional history are relevant in the fields covered by this journal, and with scientists that are noteworthy by their innovative positions and philosophical reflections on traditional and emerging themes. For this year’s first issue we bring Michel Llory, engineer specializing in industrials accidents that organized the Risk Analysis Department responsible for the safety of the whole French nuclear park safety in emergency situations is particularly important in our times, when natural and technological disasters are frequent and with high magnitude of damages. The interview mentions the tsunami in North Japan in 2011 that damaged three nuclear reactors at Fukushima Nuclear Plant and short and long range risks to nearby population and workers’ health. The interview discusses as well oil exploration in deep layers of marine sediments, such as Brazilian’s pre-salt - very current themes which are not easy to tackle, particularly due to the lack of technical and scientific knowledge gathered up to now.

Original research papers section receives increasing numbers of collaborations on topics of interest for health professionals and researchers in public / collective health. In this number, the papers approach questions related to funding and expenses in health, to the regulation of care services, integrality, auditing, primary care, pre-hospital care, home care, aging, homeless’ quality of life and about social representations on Dengue.

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