



REBEn®: herald of the technical-scientific production and of the social-political project of the Brazilian nursing

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With this special issue, composed of articles from specially invited authors, we are celebrating the eightieth anniversary of the Brazilian Nursing Journal (REBEn®), the official publication of the Brazilian Nursing Association (ABEn) whose historical trajectory allows us to regard it not only as an intellectual patrimony, but especially as a herald of technical-scientific and social-political project of Brazilian Nursing.

In celebrating its maturity, and considering the memory as the “departure port for sailors with desire of wind and depth”⁽¹⁾, we turn to history to shed some light on its history. To Anayde Corrêa de Carvalho⁽²⁾, from 1932 to 1976 the journal has gone through several phases, since its birth as *Nursing Annals*, in 1932, until the changing, in 1955, to *Brazilian Nursing Journal*, its present name. According to the author referenced⁽²⁾, each of those phases has been marked by significant changes, and, in each one, the “Association was faced with difficulties that sometimes seemed to be insurmountable and unsolvable”, for the maintenance of the journal.

As participants in good part of this story, we can say that such a claim could be validated for the period between the ends of Carvalho’s research, in 1976, until the present days. We believe that everyone who also staged this story would agree that the everyday viability of REBEn® requires an effort whose source of inspiration should not / cannot be less than Pallas Athena, goddess of war, civilization, wisdom, strategy, arts, justice and skill⁽³⁾.

We must, therefore, pay deference to those who preceded us and devoted themselves to a volunteer and persistent work to direct the destinies of the *Nursing Annals* / REBEn®: Edith de Magalhães Fraenkel, who embraced, in 1929, the idea of creating a journal to be the official herald of the, at the time, National Association of Brazilian Graduate Nurses and who was, subsequently, Director of the journal (1946-1950); Rachel Haddock Lobo, under whose responsibility, as Editor-in-Chief, the journal actually published its first issue in 1932; Célia Peixoto Alves, who acted as secretary to the journal since its inception until 1938; and the subsequent Directors, Editors-in-Chief, Publishers or Scientific Editors, Zaíra Cintra Vidal (1933-1938), Alayde Borges Carneiro (1938-1941), Glete de Alcântara (Director 1951-1954), Haydée Guanais Dourado (Director and Editor-in-Chief from 1955 to 1986), Altair Arduíno Alves (1955-1957), Marina Andrade Resende (1957-1965), Anayde Corrêa de Carvalho (1965-1968), Maria Rosa Sousa Pinheiro (1968-1970), Vilma de Carvalho (1970-1972), Celina de Arruda Camargo (1972-1976), Lygia Paim (1976-1980), Wanda Maria Rodrigues de Oliveira (1980-1982), Sandra Maria Mendes de Abreu (1982-1984), Helia Maria de Almeida (1984-1986), Clelia Soares Burlamaque (1986-1989), Jane da Fonseca Proença (1989-1992), Maria Genny Silva Araújo (1992-1995), Maria Therezinha Nóbrega da Silva (1995-1998), Joel Rolim Mancía (1998-2004), Isabel Cristina Kowal Olm Cunha (2004-2007) and Jussara Gue Martini (2007-2010).

In its eight decades of existence, REBEn® has contributed to that nursing is at the level where it is today, a profession known as essential in any environment in which are formulated and implemented the public policies and actions of health care for the Brazilian population, or for the human health education resources, striving for their technical, scientific and political training.

Since its first issue publication, in May 1932, each direction of ABEn has carried out the continuous improvement of REBEn®, so that it does not only monitor, but meets the demands of each time. It is also undeniable the effort of the people who have participated in the processes needed for its publishing (evaluation, selection and preparation of documents; diagramming and drawing artwork, and graphic production monitoring). As a result, it can be stated that REBEn® is today, without doubt, a reference for researchers, teachers and caring personnel

related to nursing, channeling the dissemination of the technical-scientific discussions of political and of the political-social demands of the category.

It must be stand out, finally, the role of the Associate Editors, Editorial Board members and *ad hoc* Consultants who, without reservations, and with all expertise, have supported the actions of REBEn® by sharing their knowledge in specific areas. On the 80th anniversary of its publication, we would like to thank each one of these people who, so generously, have devoted part of their time and expertise, so as to REBEn® be able to become a journal recognized nationally and internationally by the scientific Nursing community and other areas of knowledge.

To exercise, in the ABEn term 2010-2013, the position of REBEn® Scientific Editor, has been a great honor. I take therefore this opportunity to thank, once again, to all participants in its construction for having assumed, along with us, the social responsibility of that process.

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