Twenty years of Rev Rene

When an important date arrives, it is only natural to remember the milestones of the trajectory that led to it. Reminiscing these facts, especially when they illuminate a path full of work and commitment, brings us feelings of victory. Filled with joy and reassurance feeling a push forward, this journal has reached its twentieth year.

Rev Rene was created in 2000, with the name Revista da Rede de Enfermagem do Nordeste (Northeast Nursing Network Journal) – REV RENE. This title aimed to show that the journal was linked to the Northeast Nursing Network – RENE, a group that aimed to promote the articulation of the Nursing Teaching Institutions of the Northeast Region of Brazil, in order to foster teaching, research and extension, in addition to giving support to the development of the Nursing Post-graduation Program for the Northeast Region. However, in 2012, after many changes in the editorial policies of scientific journals, the name was changed into Rev Rene.

The first manuscripts published came from works presented in seminars organized by master’s degree courses from the Northeast, which spread the products of Northeastern Nursing masters, mainly based on dissertations. The works presented in one of these seminars were collected and a group was gathered to analyze them. Some of these works were selected and the authors received suggestions for the improvement of these articles, so they could meet the criteria for a publication. That is how Rev Rene was born! Soon, the Journal had a soul. We were no longer insignificant, anonymous, nor were we just beings duplicated in television shows(1).
Many lines, probably pages, would be necessary to retell all the history of this journal’s important contributions for the academic growth of Nursing, in the role of disseminator of the knowledge produced. Initially, it was a printed journal (2000 - 2011). At the time, everything was done on paper, through physical mail. Everything was typed in, but the double-checking process was not as fast as today’s connections. Later, the open format version was created electronically (2005). In 2012, Rev Rene became an on-line, bimonthly and bilingual journal (2013), published in Portuguese and English. In 2018, it adhered to the rolling pass model. The journal is linked to the Federal University of Ceará, whose Nursing Post-graduation Program is a gold standard in Brazil.

However, even in this garden, which receives care and water every day, there are weeds that need to be removed! There are obstacles. We work nonstop to index Rev Rene in national and international databases. This is the doorway for people from Brazil and other countries to find and read the articles published, to criticize and cite them.

Since its inception, Rev Rene has published 1,567 articles and 74 editorials, from 2000 to 2019. We have been making an effort to publish themes that are current and of interest for the field of health and Nursing, works with different research designs, from all regions of the country and from foreign authors, avoiding endogenous evaluations at all costs – despite being aware that there is still a lot to be done.

Thus, allow yourself to dive into deep seas, and, why not, to daydream, so you can come from the dream into the real, the concrete, the lived experiences, the actual existence of this journal that brings us so much happiness. This is the result of many minds, many hands, and that is easy to see!

A group of dreamers who allowed themselves to dream, who decided not to worry with immediate results and focused on building and preserving a history(1) that now has completed 20 years!

Congratulations to all those who spent their energy and their work, who collaborated with perseverance and optimism in the path towards making Rev Rene a great journal. Editors, reviewers, referees, authors, secretaries, technical team... to all protagonists, from the most visible to those who all too often remain anonymous but give important contributions for the pages of this history to keep being written. Congratulations, Rev Rene!

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