Geriatrics, Gerontology and Aging: a 15-year trajectory
Geriatrics, Gerontology and Aging: uma trajetória de 15 anos

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Maciço do Baturité is a mountain town in northeastern Brazil charmingly known as ‘the Switzerland of Ceará,’ with temperatures reaching 12°C in winter. It was in this season that, in 2007, the official journal of the Brazilian Society of Geriatrics and Gerontology (Sociedade Brasileira de Geriatria e Gerontologia, SBGG) was born. The journal called Geriatrics & Gerontology at that time — today, Geriatrics, Gerontology and Aging (GGA) — had the launch editorial\textsuperscript{1} written by its first editor-in-chief, Dr. João Macêdo Coelho Filho. The journal’s launch issue featured articles by renowned associates, who are currently in full scientific and intellectual production at SBGG, such as Dr. Marcos Cabrera,\textsuperscript{2} Myrian Najas,\textsuperscript{3} Maria Fernanda Lima-Costa,\textsuperscript{4} and Lygia Py,\textsuperscript{5} among others.

The editorial by Dr. João Macêdo had the following title: “A national journal of geriatrics and gerontology.” Many years have passed and now, in 2022, we can say that GGA is an international journal. Since the internationalization of GGA, we have witnessed many other advances, among which the following are outstanding: indexing in important databases, such as Latin American and Caribbean Health Sciences Literature (LILACS), Online Regional Information System for Scientific Journals from Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal (LATINDEX), and Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ); expansion of the editorial board, with renowned researchers in aging from other countries; and special calls, such as the 2021 “Research In Long-Term Care For Older People,” which featured 13 articles on this topic by authors and researchers from the Pan American Health Organization and from countries such as the United Kingdom and the Netherlands. In issue 15, 59 articles were published including editorials, viewpoints, brief communications, special articles, reviews, and original articles, all of them peer reviewed.

Starting at the present 2022 issue, GGA will adopt a new layout, continuing the mission that we had begun in the first 2015 issue, to become an increasingly international, accessible, and comprehensive journal for our readers.

The good news does not stop there. The Qualis CAPES system, which ranks the scientific output of Brazilian graduate programs, has brought us excellent news. In the list currently considered by CAPES to score these programs, GGA...
has been classified as B2 by the appraisal committees, representing a great achievement for the entire team involved in the editorial process.

We have worked tirelessly so that, by 2023, we can apply for indexing in PubMed Central® (PMC) and the SciELO Brasil Collaboration. Therefore, significant improvements have been made in the editorial process over the past 2 years, such as updating editorial policies and instructions for authors and reviewers and progressively adopting publication standards in line with the best international scientific standards.

We acknowledge that, globally, there are important gender gaps in research, and that journals have a crucial role in promoting gender equality in science by adopting policies that reduce inequality and promote adequate representation of women. Accordingly, GGA has sought to implement these guidelines by encouraging greater participation of women in the editorial board and peer review.6

Finally, we wish the readers of GGA a great 2022 and hope that our journal will reach the leading role predicted in its first editorial, written 15 years ago.

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