

20 YEARS OF REVISTA DE DIREITO SANITÁRIO: MOMENT OF RENEWAL

Revista de Direito Sanitário was born 20 years ago, conceived with more or less enthusiasm during the previous 10 years. At that time, we were still a small group of researchers of the theme, predominantly working with health services and at the university. We knew that the group's growth required a forum of academic discussion about the complex issues involved in the practice of health law, and that indeed, there was a theoretical-philosophical discussion regarding the scope of the right to health at the start of the new millennium.

Some of us were braver and took the lead, registering the domain in the National Library. The time had come of turning into reality the *Revista de Direito Sanitário*, sponsored by the *Núcleo de Pesquisa em Direito Sanitário da Universidade de São Paulo* (NAP-DISA/USP), organically linked to its Law and Public Health faculties.

We built an editorial board representative of the best of society, in the services and the academia, in Brazil and abroad, and started working. Initially, we looked for a partnership with an editorial group, *Revista dos Tribunais*, who assured the publication running and distribution for 10 years. In 2009, more mature, NAP-DISA/USP took over all the production tasks of the journal. Then we intensified the search for indexation in the most relevant international databases. And slowly but surely, successive conquests started to ensue.

Today we are certain that the journal is an important medium for the dissemination of health law subjects and the highest quality academic discussions, contributing decisively for the formation of professionals in the field, regardless of coming from the law or any of the various disciplines that comprise public health matters.

Along the years, *Revista de Direito Sanitário* recorded on its pages the various phenomena concerning the achievement of the right to health in Brazil and the rest of the world, becoming a scientific vehicle with high impact for debates on strategic issues about the development of the Brazilian health system and for the full accomplishment of the right to health in Brazil. The journal became a medium of scientific communication rather efficient and dynamic, where it is possible to discuss, in a wide, plural, deep and transparent way, the main aspects that surround the notion of health as a fundamental human right, such as judicialization in the realms of public and private health; the increasing and fast incorporation to the national health system of new technologies in the area of health; the consolidation and growth of the private health sector in the different markets (medicines, food, food supplements, cosmetics, sanitizing products,

health insurance plans, etc.); the implantation of a juridical-institutional framework of the Brazilian State to respond to their duties expressed on article 196 of the Federal Constitution of 1988; the standardization of public policies; the juridical protection of adequate public funding for the *Sistema Único de Saúde* (Brazilian National Health System); the application of principles of human rights and ethics in the regulation of research and health services; among others.

The complexities verified for the full realization of the right to health have been more and more demanding a larger knowledge of health law from the diverse professionals of the Brazilian health system (health professionals, public administration, the law and the various areas that comprise the public health sector). The increase of the number of professionals and scholars interested in the subject resulted in the consolidation of a relevant set of people that have been thinking on how to turn the country's health regulations more effective and useful.

A witness of the evolution of scientific knowledge in Brazil, after 20 years, *Revista de Direito Sanitário* is renovating its editorial body, incorporating new contributors, professionals and scholars of universities of all country's regions and of important foreign institutions with which NAP-DISA/USP has been consolidating academic partnerships in the last few decades.

To the journal's historical contributors, we thank you for your support and the partnership of all these years. We hope to continue discussing health law issues through the publications and the academic activities that NAP-DISA/USP develops.

To the new collaborators, we welcome you with the certainty that you will contribute greatly to help the *Revista de Direito Sanitário* to continue being an instrument of excellence of scientific diffusion in the field of health law.

To our readers, we hope to continue offering what there is of most up-to-date and relevant in the scientific development of health law. We know that the present day challenges, especially regarding the consolidation of social rights in democratic States governed by the rule of law, are enormous; but we also know that, together, we will continue guiding our efforts to promote Brazil's social, economic and environmental development, centered in social justice and the full realization of the human universal right to health.

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