

Disciplinary Conversations on Scientific Publishing

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We are pleased to present Volume 18 of the journal *Ciencias Psicológicas*. This edition features 41 original articles and a brief communication from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay.

Ciencias Psicológicas has steadily solidified its presence in the databases and indices where it is included. In 2024, the journal underwent evaluation by Brazil's Conselho Federal de Psicologia to join the PePsic network (Brazilian Psychology Journals). Our journal met all the indicators required for this evaluation. Following this new indexation, we participated in a seminar organized by the PePsic network, which inspired the reflections we wish to share in this editorial note.

For any academic journal—and particularly for those in our region—it is crucial to be part of networks that promote good editorial practices, support editorial teams, and provide guidance for the development of publications. During the PePsic network seminar, several points related to these goals were discussed. Additionally, as a disciplinary network, the seminar raised issues related to research questions and the contributions of their processes and outcomes to the challenges faced by our countries and communities.

Fostering dialogue and debate about the academic and social relevance of our research agendas is becoming increasingly essential. On one hand, our region faces problems that cause suffering and exclusion and demand new or improved solutions. On the other hand, the global landscape of scientific publishing is expanding and becoming more complex, making it vital to stay focused on what gives meaning to each of our journals.

For a small country like Uruguay, participating in such conversations is essential. We applaud the Conselho Federal de Psicologia de Brasil's initiative to include other countries in the PePsic network and to create a space for collaboration. We trust this will help authors, reviewers, and editors in the field to strengthen research processes and the dissemination of their findings.

With each volume—and with this one in particular—we strive for the published content to deepen perspectives, spark new questions, and inspire actions that benefit our countries.

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