

Dear readers,

It is with great pleasure that we are launching this current issue of the journal: ETD - Digital Thematic Education. Usually we face the question: what is needed to produce a good journal? Automatically we get an answer: if we just only have an editorial team and maintain a partnership with authors and contributors who wisely want to share their knowledge and publish their works in a recognized means of communication!

Note that good papers, before being accepted for publication, require peer review. Common sense states that a scientific article may present an interesting idea, a research problem, discuss relevant data, and also, perform effective observations, since the following of this script will lead the work to be accepted and published. The second stage, the technical one, is under the responsibility of a capable staff, with technical skills, such as: formatting, revision and standardization of information, translation, and finally, the publication itself. This process, observing the steps to be followed, is part of a cycle that reinforces the production of an excellent journal.

Statistics referring to the approval of ETD reflect the description of the process above. In 2009 the rate of acceptance of papers for submissions increased from 20% to 40%. This year, we were able to prepare a schedule that foresees the continuous production of ETD until June 2011, with the publication of current and special editions.

The academic community has realized the essential elements of the ETD journal: agility to disseminate the information and responsibility among its collaborators. In the future issues, we will be covering interesting topics, with the significant participation of national and foreign researchers. Up to 2011 it will be published four editions.

In the context reported, we have observed that ETD has important features for its scientific design, which is a source of pride for us, scientific editors and the team involved in the daily work for the construction of this journal.

From this number on we will count on a new structure of the site SEER - System for Electronic Journal Publishing, which every day increases the number of new members in its system, and also, a new look on the website of ETD - Digital Thematic Education. Therefore, it demonstrates that standardization is essential for the journal identity assurance within the academic community.

With this new structure and standardization we have been commemorating the 10th anniversary of ETD - Digital Thematic Education in the university, trade and business environment, aiming at its integrity and free accessibility.

Another good news about ETD is the approval, in the first stage, of the evaluation to be indexed in SciELO - Scientific Electronic Library On line of BIREME, waiting only for the academic merit judgment. The journal has also been submitted for evaluation by Redalyc - Network of Scientific Journals of Latin America and Caribe, Spain and Portugal, and yet to BBE - Brazilian Bibliography of Education of INEP / Cibec.

In this first current edition of 2010 it is presented 11 works in a single section: 'Dossier'. The works were organized by the teacher and researcher Wenceslao Machado Oliveira Jr. (UNICAMP), along with Giseli Girardi (UFES) and Maria Teresa Paes (UNICAMP), dealing with questions about image, spatial geography and education, connected with other topics of our everyday lives. We'd like to note down this new partnership and thanks for it.

Hoping that this issue will be appreciated by all of you, I wish a happy reading!

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