

INNOVATING TO EVOLVE

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The word innovate is derived from the Latin *innovare* meaning new, renew, incorporate, introduce as new. Innovation is the act of innovating, that is, introducing new ideas. Peter Drucker, who is considered the father of modern business management, refers to innovation as one of the greatest, if not the most important, objectives of any organization. Innovation is what keeps an organization alive and competitive.

Today, innovation is a concept that is much more connected to values and directly associated with the effects of change. However, innovation is not free from risks, uncertainties, and unpredictability of results in these challenging times. Innovation is a strategy for survival and transformation.

The academic journal of the *Associação Brasileira de Enfermeiros de Centro Cirúrgico, Recuperação Anestésica e Centro de Material e Esterilização* – SOBECC Journal – also innovates to evolve.

In 2016, the SOBECC Journal went through many changes. The most important one was its inclusion in the Electronic System of Magazine Publishing (*Sistema Eletrônico de Editoração de Revistas*) – SEER – a management system for electronic publishing of periodicals. This change enabled the open access to the papers published in the journal, providing greater visibility and sustainability for the production of knowledge.

Open access means availability of academic or scientific published content to anyone, via SEER. By means of the open access, all papers published in this journal can be read, downloaded, copied, printed, researched, distributed, referred, saved, and forwarded to friends and professors.

Plenty of work was done behind the scenes for this innovation to occur, such as changing the publishing and submission norms, elaborating verification lists, and training the publishing council so they were capable of conducting the assessment process within the system. All these were accomplished with the support of OJS-SEER operation and assisting technical staff.

Despite the difficulty of this initial process, the journal dared to innovate even more. Those who access the SOBECC online site (<https://revista.sobecc.org.br/sobecc>) will find the previous collections of the journal uploaded to the system. The collections go as far back as the very first indexing. They have over 10 years of history.

Now, those who no longer have a copy of the journal or their own papers, or those who need to research scientific production in the areas of Surgical Centers, Post-Anesthesia Recovery, Material and Sterilization Center, and Infection Control, will be able to retrieve them from the system. The process is still being implemented.

For this last edition of 2016, another innovation was proposed and you will see that some of the conferences from the 10th International Sterilization and Infection Control Symposium related to health care, held between August 31 and September 2, were published. The authors accepted the invitation to methodologically format their lectures and share them in a scientific journal.

This action aimed at sharing the knowledge of professionals, experts in their fields, and renowned researchers; therefore, knowledge of Nursing may not only grow, but also give more visibility to those who accept this mission.

The title of this editorial is “Innovating to Evolve.” It was possible because those who were previously responsible for the magazine also proposed innovations and took risks to put them into effect, with the support of a visionary board of directors.

Developing the journal with the current format was only possible because many nurses dedicated hours – if not days – to the elaboration of papers aimed at sharing their knowledge with the SOBECC community.

Evolving or surviving will depend henceforth on each and every one of us. Thus, we lay out a challenge for nurses, along with their colleagues and multiprofessional staff, to publish their work in order to value their experiences, to occupy the spaces offered to them, such as that of SOBECC journal, and to raise awareness on the important role they play in society.

We approach the end of 2016 hoping that turbulent moments experienced this far have turned into positive experiences and great achievements. And may the New Year find you with peace, health, and knowledge.

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