

## CorSalud in the Scientific Electronic Library Online: SciELO

### *CorSalud en la Biblioteca Científica Electrónica en Línea: SciELO*

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#### To the Editor:

For several months, CorSalud journal was the object of an evaluation process for its definitive inclusion in the SciELO Cuba collection. The criteria and procedures that were taken into account were established by the National Information Center of Medical Sciences and, at the regional level, by the SciELO Central Unit, in Brazil.

SciELO is a model for cooperative electronic publication of scientific journals on the Internet. It was developed to respond to the needs of scientific communication in developing countries, and particularly, in Latin America and the Caribbean. This model provides an efficient solution to ensure visibility and universal access to its scientific literature, and contributes to overcoming the phenomenon known as “lost science”<sup>1</sup>.

SciELO contains integrated procedures for measuring the use and impact of scientific journals and it is the product of cooperation among FAPESP (<http://www.fapesp.br>), the Research Support Foundation of the State of São Paulo, BIREME (<http://www.bireme.br>), the Latin American and Caribbean Center of Information in Health Sciences, as well as national and international institutions related to scientific communication and scientific editors<sup>1</sup>.

This pilot project was carried out successfully

between March 1997 and May 1998, and it included in its beginnings ten Brazilian journals from different areas of knowledge, development and evaluation of an appropriate methodology, (...) since June 1998 it operates regularly, incorporates new titles of journals, and expands its operation to other countries, starting in 2002, it has the support of the *Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico* (<http://www.cnpq.br>)<sup>1</sup>. Created 20 years ago, currently it includes 1280 active journals, 50720 numbers and 723964 articles with a total of 16329075 quotes. It is considered the first repository portal of scientific journals in the world for its size and visibility, the second for its academic members and the fourth for the rich content of the files it contains. It includes serial publications from 14 countries (Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Spain, Mexico, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Uruguay and Venezuela). Paraguay is developing in this direction<sup>2,3</sup>.

Cuba joined the SciELO model in 2002 and currently, in the field of health, participates with 36 titles of journals, which can be accessed through the Virtual Health Library (VHL) of Informed: <http://bvscuba.sld.cu/>.

In order to comply with the objectives of SciELO, it is essential that all aspects of scientific communication in the country are improved, by identifying, stimulating and developing a collection of Cuban

scientific journals that work as a core, with quality standards that correspond to those of the best international journals<sup>2</sup>.

On May 19, 2017, the pleasant news that CorSalud journal would be included in the Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO) were received through e-mail:

*"After carrying out the corresponding evaluation according to the parameters established for the inclusion of scientific journals in the SciELO Cuba collection, the result of this evaluation is that CorSalud journal gathers the necessary parameters to be included in the collection".*

The satisfaction with the acceptance of this journal in SciELO is due to the importance of this model for increasing the visibility and availability of the scientific production of health professionals who publish in and prestige it.

CorSalud, still a young journal, has managed in a short time to be integrated into several databases of importance in the health field. It publishes its contents in Spanish and English, a matter that contributes to a greater quotation of its articles.

For this reason, the deserved congratulations are extended to the editorial collective for their work, which has been significant for this important achievement of the journal. A stage of work of great

efforts begins for including all the scientific production of CorSalud in the SciELO collection, in which we must all join forces for this new goal.

## CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

None

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