
Editorial

We would like to take the opportunity of the release of this edition to introduce ourselves as the new RTS editorial board. We have taken the baton from former boards responsibly and appreciatively, and we wish to ensure that the forthcoming issues will continue to reflect these two characteristics.

Our goal is to ensure the RTS is an up-to-date, accessible journal that expands borders, encourages critical analysis of the social reality and showcases professional experiences, whilst also serving as a source for promoting practice- and research-based scientific knowledge. This journal strives to be the ideal companion for social workers in the present day.

Over these first months we have reviewed the various processes involved in the journal and we have done so with the utmost regard and esteem for everything the RTS represents for the discipline of social work, for the training of professionals and students and for the delivery of the profession. The results are presented here.

This edition incorporates a number of obvious changes, such as the new cover and inner page designs, and other changes to the content of the journal and the process for selecting the articles published.

In terms of content, it is worth highlighting the fact that we have chosen to publish two issues per year based on the open submission of articles and a third issue dedicated to a monographic subject. By placing our faith in this change we hope that social workers from varying fields will be able to discover articles of interest to them in every issue, while continuing to address relevant issues for social work in depth, as indeed the RTS has conventionally done.

With regard to the process for the selection of articles, we have opened the journal to permanent submission, i.e., professionals can send an article at any time in the year for us to assess whether to publish it. This assessment will be carried out according to an external peer review and double-blinded system (the papers are submitted anonymously and the reviewers also remain anonymous). The RTS is privileged to benefit from the cooperation of a team of social workers with extensive representation in the region and acknowledged experience in the academic and professional spheres, who carry out an appraisal of the articles submitted.

Moreover, in our capacity as the editorial board we have embarked on a process of reflection surrounding the principles and values underpinning our decisions. In this respect, we adopt the guiding ethical principles of scientific publications, including those relating to thoroughness and transparency in the process of selecting and publishing articles, and we handle all papers submitted in complete confidentiality attributing the relevant authorship.

The transformation process we have embarked on has been accompanied by reflections and recommendations from members of the RTS

advisory board; the contribution of their perspectives imbues us with the confidence to continue on the appropriate path.

Lastly, and by way of acknowledgment, we wish to add that the RTS would not be possible if it were not for the contributions and generosity of countless individuals: authors sharing their experience and knowledge; the board of reviewers assessing the articles submitted, ensuring the quality of the journal; the members of the advisory board, bestowing their wisdom upon us; the Board of Governors of the Official Association of Social Work of Catalonia, placing their trust in us and offering their support; the technical team making the journal possible and, in particular, the individuals who read it and make the efforts of everyone worthwhile.

We hope you enjoy this edition and bring it to life.