

EDITORIAL

In the evolution of the research in the Information Science field, arguably, the *Encontro Nacional de Pesquisa em Ciência da Informação* (ENANCIB) of the *Associação Nacional de Pesquisa e Pós-Graduação em Ciência da Informação* (ANCIB) is recognized as the main event of the area in Brazil. In this discussion forum, each thematic of the information science scope is discussed in a particular Thematic Group of ANCIB related to the interest of research of each researcher.

Historically, since the ENANCIB I, conducted in 1994, the thematic discussion about the management within the Information Science was present, although the Thematic Group on ANCIB corresponding to the subject has been named in different ways: GT1: Administration/Management/Evaluation and Users Study (1994); GT1: Technological Information and Services Administration (1995-1997); GT7: Systems Planning/Competitive Intelligence (2000); GT7: Planning and Systems Management/Competitive Intelligence (2003); GT4: Management of Information Units (2005-2006); GT4: Information and Knowledge Management in the Organizations (2007-2012); GT4: Information and Knowledge Management (2013).

The trajectory of the management within the research in Information Science has stood for the quality of the work approved and presented by the researchers and scholars interested in this subject addressed in the GT4 in each ENANCIB.

This special edition of the Brazilian Journal of Information Science (BJIS) gathers papers presented in the form of oral communications and posters in the sections of the GT4 from the ENANCIB XIII, held in Rio de Janeiro from October 28 to 31 in 2012. In the event they were highlighted the approaches oriented to the knowledge management; information and decision-making process; environments and information flows; competitive intelligence; quality and networks; behaviors, communication, marketing and management information models, which may indicate certain tendency to deepen the theoretical and methodological aspects of the studies related to these themes.

The thematic evolution about the several approaches discussed in the *Encontros* was discussed among the researchers at the reunions of the GT4 at the

XIII ENANCIB and as a result a new menu was prepared to update the thematic of research about management in the area of information science, which became effective from January 2013 on, as highlighted below.

GT4: Information and knowledge management

Management of environment, systems, units, services and products of information and information resources. Studies of flows, processes, use, and users of the information as a management tools. Knowledge management and organizational learning in the context of Information Science. Marketing of information, environmental scanning and competitive intelligence. Organizational networks: study, analysis and evaluation for the management. Application of information and communication technologies to the information and knowledge management.

As it can be observed, there are several thematic approaches related to the information and knowledge management in the field of Information Science. Each topic of the new menu opens a range of numerous perspectives to be studied under a new view in the reflections about the management of information and knowledge. It is in this sense that the importance of the thematic content of this special edition of the BJIS reveals itself.

The subjects of the research reports presented to the GT4 at the XIII ENANCIB, in 2012, show the information and knowledge management as inseparable elements considered among the most important inputs for the development of the society in all its aspects: social, cultural, educational, political, economic, technological, legal and ethical.

All the authors of the work here collected may be contacted via e-mail. For this reason, if interested in any of the topics covered in this Special Issue of BJIS, continue the debate with the author's research.

Do not resist the invitation to this reading!

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