

EDITORIAL

The journal Brazilian Journal of Information Science (BJIS) presents four distinct texts whose approaches go since the discussion of the Information Science origin to the report of the inclusion of social classes which live outside the mainstream of information and knowledge.

The first article explores the origin of Information Science, focusing the documentary principles as being nuclear to this scientific field. It presents the beginnings of the area, constituting the history of Information Science even before the arising of its own name. It discusses the identity crisis of the area and criticizes the partial views which influence in a way on this crisis. In this sense, it presents the consolidated interdisciplinary constructions and problematizes the naming to the area. It defends that the documentary principles configure themselves as foundation of the grounding of Information Science.

The second article presents the formation of a management model which incorporates three distinct informational spaces, Library, Technical Collection and the Documentation existing in an Engineering organization. To prepare the model, it brings the theoretical inputs related to the information and knowledge management. It also discusses the performance of professional of Information Science area to develop the referred model, pointing out the organizational needs and demands and the academic formation of this professional to act in this niche of the workplace.

In a critical way the third article points out the application of the information and communication technologies in the scope of the electronic government, whose application may provide a space of discussion and political deliberation, bringing the common citizen closer to the government, through interactive resources such as e-mail, forums, on-line ombudsman, chats, among other resources. It is pointed out that there is an effort from the governments to organize, manage and to provide information of public interest in the Web environment, constituting what is named 'Electronic Government'. In this sense, it presents the interactive tools available in the websites of the members from the State of Bahia. It also presents the analysis and considerations obtained about the websites of the members from the State of Bahia regarding the opportunities of political participation of the citizen from Bahia,



and whose results point to a distance from the principles which govern the electronic government.

Ending this number of the BJIS, the last text relates the situation of informational exclusion experienced by Santa Clara Community, placed in the city of João Pessoa, State of Paraíba. It communicates the methodological procedures to the accomplishment of the research, and points out the preparation of a site in which it will be deposited, for free access in the internet, the knowledge of the people who compose the referred community, constituting then the social memory of the Santa Clara Community, whose contents will be available to the future generations, thereby driving the dynamic of new knowledge construction by other social actors of that Community.

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