



## **AÇÃO ERGONÔMICA MAGAZINE: CALL TO THE BRAZILIAN ERGONOMICS COMMUNITY**

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The Ação Ergonômica Journal is a periodical edited by the Brazilian Ergonomics Association (ABERGO), with its first volume published in 1999 as a collection of texts by Alain Wisner on Antropotechnology, organized by the then-ideator, the first editor of the journal, and the president of ABERGO at the time, Prof. Mario Vidal.

Since its foundation, the Ação Ergonômica Journal has always aimed to provide researchers and professionals working in various areas of ergonomics with the conceptual, methodological, and instrumental foundations necessary to understand and improve working conditions. Currently, the journal is in its 17th volume and 31st edition, having published hundreds of articles on the subject.

Despite its long period of activity and the efforts of several colleagues in developing the journal over the years, Ação Ergonômica still does not occupy the place it deserves on national and international lists of journal rankings. Recently, due to the low number of citations of works published in it until 2020, the journal is not included in the Qualis-Capes classification list for the 2017-2020 quadrennium.

It is not surprising that this is the case because maintaining a scientific journal in operation is not an easy task. It depends on the voluntary work of various editors, reviewers, and authors. Making it a properly recognized journal is even more challenging, as it also depends on the engagement of the scientific community around the subject, not only to submit their work but also to cite it in their publications, as this is the metric used by journal quality classifications. Given the personal and professional commitments of modern life, dedicating oneself to this work is not always straightforward or feasible.

Nevertheless, we still believe that the existence of a Brazilian ergonomics journal is a fundamental step for us to establish ourselves as a practice and scientific community. Beyond the typically limited spaces at conferences or seminars, a scientific journal enables the

dissemination of detailed knowledge in theoretical reflections, methodological discussions, and case studies that have undergone a long process of author reflection and careful peer review. It is a valuable space for the construction and dissemination of knowledge and, consequently, for creating identity within the community around ergonomic issues. For these reasons, collective effort to seek a quality journal is necessary and urgent, an effort that, to achieve its objectives, must come from both its editorial team and the community around the subject.

From this perspective, some actions have been taken since we recently assumed the executive editorship of the *Ação Ergonômica Journal*. With the support of ABERGO, we have hired Editora Cubo to provide editorial assistance. We replaced the Open Journal System (OJS) submission system, which frequently experienced plugin failures, with the Submit system from Editora Cubo, which is more efficient and user-friendly. We invested in a new website, making it more intuitive with clearer information. We have added DOIs to all articles from 2019 onwards. Recently, we have been actively promoting English versions of the texts. Currently, we are in the process of expanding our Editorial Board, inviting national and international experts to assist us in the entire article evaluation process.

In conclusion, we call upon the Ergonomics community in Brazil to help us in the development of the *Ação Ergonômica Journal*. On one hand, we will carefully work on the executive editing to have better quality articles. On the other hand, we invite all colleagues in the field to participate in this process, whether in submission, review, or citation of the published articles. We have ergonomics journals already established worldwide, highly referenced and recognized for their quality, such as *Applied Ergonomics and Ergonomics* (in the UK), *Activités* (in France), or *Laboreal* (in Portugal). It's time to include a Brazilian journal in this group. Together, we will achieve this goal and place *Ação Ergonômica* where it deserves to be.