

EDITORIAL

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an editorial success story



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2021 was a challenging year for the scientific community around the world. Tensions surrounding scientific policies, particularly in Brazil, came to a fruition and were reflected in research development and in scientific dissemination. **Brazilian Journalism Research** remained vigilant and active in this scenario, relying on the editorial principles that have consolidated it as one of the ten most relevant publications in the field of Communication in Latin America (Scimago Institutions Rankings, 2021)¹.

Throughout its history, BJR has been dedicated to continually building and advancing its editorial policy, focusing on clear and comprehensive transparency of its evaluation processes and adopting the leading international editorial practices. It was based on these principles that we established Open Science initiatives, many of which are still not commonplace for researchers in our area, such as the publication of blind peer reviews and open peer reviews of *preprint* articles. These practices challenge the scientific field because they demand involvement and a collaborative spirit, both from the editorial team and from the researchers who work to qualify the journal.

We recognize how important collaborations are for the growth of our editorial project, which is why this year we have started a project that values the work of reviewers: we created an annual award for the best peer reviewer for articles submitted to our journal. In this first edition, Estrela Serrano, from the Nova Communication Institute (ICNova), was recognized by a panel of judges composed of three researchers who blindly evaluated the reports. The selection criteria was based on: a) thoroughness of evaluation: adherence to norms and arguments; b) depth of assessment,

interaction with the text and careful reading of the arguments presented in the article; and c) contribution to the articles, examining any weak points, suggesting additional and/or alternative perspectives, and commenting on the particular method and analysis employed in the article.

As of 2022, we will be proud to name this project the **Luciana Mielniczuk Award**, to honor the memory of a valued Brazilian researcher who unfortunately passed away in 2018. Her immense contributions to BJR and to its publisher, the Brazilian Association of Journalism Researchers (SBPJor), will forever be appreciated. We would like to express our gratitude to her family members for accepting this award on her behalf, and we would like to thank the SBPJor partners who supported yet another one of our projects.

Brazilian Journalism Research has consistently raised its quality indexes and within the next few years we hope to solidify a prominent place in the debate on the global circulation of scientific knowledge. This will be possible thanks to the institutional support we have always received from SBPJor, particularly its recognition of our editorial independence and giving the editorial team the freedom to make decisions that help the journal grow and improve. SBPJor management and its associates have always encouraged BJR to advance its projects with autonomy and have always provided financial and political support.

From 2022 onwards, Brazilian Journalism Research will become part of the Scielo Brazil Collection. Today, BJR integrates 25 of the main databases, catalogs or international scientific directories in the area of Social Sciences and Communication.

The end of this year was an important transitional moment for the BJR editorial team. After a decade of service, editors Fábio Pereira and Claudia Lago have left the editorial team and moved on to new professional projects. Their dedication to the journal can only be described as a model of editorial management, one that BJR intends to continue and expand on in the coming years. We are so thankful for the friendships and lessons that these committed editors have given us, and we hope they have bright futures ahead of them. We shall follow in their footsteps and maintain the achievements that BJR has accumulated to this day, and we hope that over the next decade **Brazilian Journalism Research** can consolidate itself as a reference for journalism researchers all over the world different parts of the world.

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- 1 Retrieved from <https://www.scimagojr.com/journalrank.php>