

Change in attitude: the value of research

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Another year of learning and research has come to an end. Many trials aimed at maintaining or recovering one's health have been carried out. Laboratory and clinical studies making different attempts at problem solving expressed the effort made by researchers at facing a better prospect for science and technology at the service of society's quality of life.

Although a number of professors have seemed enthusiastic and attracted to the process of investigation, it becomes necessary to permanently and deeply discuss the process of evaluating research subject matter, renewing research concepts and how open researchers are to self-evaluation within this context.

Moving forward and innovating are the goals of the moment, especially to those who are truly devoted to research. Challenges associated with the social, economic and political realities of Brazil are real, but currently impossible to be overcome. The hope for better research days remains as the nutrient needed to keep the motivation for going on with the fight for a better quality of life.

Science and technology, as well as the understanding of graduate and research goals in the education of professors and students, need to be valued by university and overall communities. Consequently, university education should not be restricted to academic titles or the act of granting a diploma to those involved with learning.

Our special thanks to all professionals, professors, students and researchers who contributed with high quality research as a means to evolve and improve society's quality of life.

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