

Editorial

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This is the first editorial of 2018, and it is dedicated to one of the most important segments of the academic community around the *Brazilian Journal of Public Administration* (RAP): the reviewers of the papers submitted. In several other opportunities, I have emphasized the importance of the reviewers' work to improve the quality of the articles we publish, and over the last few years we have advanced considerably. Authors are now aware that there are several stages in RAP's editorial process including reviewing and editing, and the most tangible result is that the articles published are substantially improved throughout the reviewing process both in content and form. However, there is still room for improvement. Some of the recurrent aspects to be aware of are: the reviewers' response times that could be reduced; some reviewers are not committed to provide a follow-up after the authors revision; some of the reviews are still superficial (accepting or rejecting everything, without grounding the reviewer's opinion).

In this issue of RAP, we are proud to acknowledge our top 10 reviewers, selected from a list of 257 reviewers who contributed to the journal in 2017. We observed not only the quantity, but also the quality of the reviews processed. The list was elaborated by Eliane Barbosa da Conceição (Editorial Support) and underwent a second evaluation by the Editor-in-chief.

Among the outstanding reviewers are renowned scholars and young researchers. They are volunteers and performed their role with great care during the entire reviewing process, which is a cornerstone in the quality of academic production in public administration. In addition, among our top 10 reviewers of 2017 there are reviewers that received the same distinction in the previous year, indicating their continued professionalism and care with the process. They are Catarina Segatto, Ciro Campos Christo Fernandes, Hugo Consciência Silvestre, Liliane Magalhães Girardin Pimentel Furtado and Tomas de Aquino Guimarães, and we are honored to count on their collaboration.

These are the top 10 reviewers who stand out for the quantity and the quality of their opinions, with our deep thanks:

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Hopefully by the end of 2018, other colleagues will join this list, considering that outstanding reviewers are key to building a quality academic community in public administration.

The first issue of 2018 brings together eight articles and a contribution to the Practical Perspective forum. The themes approached are exclusion, sustainability, communication in public policies, public procurement, governance, fiscal management, and corruption.

I wish you a pleasant read!

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