EDITORIAL

This issue of the Brazilian Journal of Information Science presents the following articles:

The first article presents a study focusing the evolution of the numbers and linking such progress to some similar situations which are possible to be seen in the Archive. The author explains certain affinities among the history of numbers and of the awareness taken about the value of the archive in an organization. The article presents a path that begins with the knowledge of the Babylonian zero to finalize with the imaginary numbers and ends with a trail leading to the discovery of the binomial of visibility-invisibility of the archive in an organization.

The second paper deals of the importance of e-learning in higher education with its extent and growth in Indian LIS education. Describes some Indian initiatives and the target segments covered by the online education. It also presents the future perspectives in relation to e-learning in India, where demand within higher education is no different from that seen in developed countries.

The third article presents a discussion of the literature focused on weeding and disposal in academic libraries. For this purpose, the authors conducted a survey in four information sources national and international, contemplating scientific articles, dissertations and theses that approach such themes. For discussion purposes the texts selected were separated into four categories: physical space, the current collection, collection development and other aspects. As a result the authors indicate that the process of weeding and disposal is not much explored in the literature, both nationally and internationally, and emphasize that there is no evidence of the libraries that care to follow formation and development collections policies.

The fourth paper presents a literature review on evaluation of Internet resources available in different format in LIS domain. Highlights the need of evaluation of Internet resources, and examines the various criteria suggested for evaluation different types Internet resources by different authors.

The fifth article investigates about the relationship between information management and information mediation and digital reference service, through a case

study in an academic library. The author analyzes the notion of information mediation and information management from a perspective that highlights and describes the activities concerned to policies and procedures implemented and also to the service evaluation, proposing a criterion for such purpose. As a result presents some proposals to continuous improvement reference service focusing on the human factor.

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