

Editors' Note

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Dear readers,

Another year of hard work! Achievements and, sadly, some losses...

At the time we were writing this editorial, we were surprised by some most unfortunate news. The abrupt and sudden loss of a very dear person. Absolutely unexpected! A great friend, but also a competent PROFESSOR and RESEARCHER in the field of microbiology. Throughout his career, Raphael Hirata Junior guided several students, published numerous studies and gave memorable classes. He was smart, insightful, but, above all, cheerful. He took pleasure in the exercise of his daily work. This kind of loss touches us deeply and makes us think.

Our lifestyle is hectic, days are passing faster and faster, so what do we want to achieve? Excellence!

Thus, we are publishing the last issue (4) of Volume 6 of 2018 of our *Visa em Debate*. In this issue we present a debate on the different terminologies adopted in Brazil and in other countries for agrochemicals, in light of the factors that truly affect the reduction of risks and the use of these substances. In parallel, we present an article that analyzes the cases of poisoning by pesticides in the Brazilian state of Tocantins in the 2010-2014 period. Please, feel encouraged to share your thoughts and insights with us for future editions.

Other relevant topics in health surveillance are also addressed: the study of notifications and sanitary measures regarding medicines marketed in Brazil; marketing authorization of medicines for neglected diseases; the presence of endotoxins in hemodialysis water; fluoridation in water supply; work and qualification in health surveillance and the microbiological and physicochemical quality of salted beef. Our experience reports address the creation of a game as an educational technology on biosafety; the evaluation of reports of a fruit monitoring program and the identification of fraudulent practices by molecular and microscopic identification.

At the end of the year, we could not forget to thank our reviewers, associate and scientific editors, the editorial board, the executive secretariat and the technical staff, for without this network of collaborators our mission could not be accomplished.

Happy reading!

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