

Notes for the XXI century

Change in cycle

A scientific magazine, by definition and ambition, must search for the excellence in their intellectual field. Apunts. Physical Education and Sports is a scientific and humanistic magazine which intends to be the reference link between the academic and scientific community and their socio-professional and cultural field. To continue advancing in these purposes we undertake a change in cycle.

In Apunts. Physical Education and Sports we want to continue to be the reference magazine in Catalonia, Spain, and Latin America in the field of Sciences of Physical Activity and Sport. But we also want to achieve the recognition of the most prestigious international data bases to allow the diffusion and acknowledgement of our gazette amongst the intellectual and academic public of other geographic and cultural areas as magazine of scientific excellence in our socio-professional field. All of this with the intention of contributing to transform our social and professional reality willing to improve it and provide our disciplinary and social environment with the prestige it deserves.

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Apunts. Physical Education and Sports is the INEFC magazine born on October 1985, although its first origin merged in 1964 with the magazine *Medicine and Sport Notes*. Currently it has 94 uninterrupted numbers with a regular recurrence every three months and a total of somewhat above 1,000 published articles. It is a scientific magazine of humanistic orientation in the field of Sciences of Physical Activities and Sport, and it deals with the four itineraries of the studies of this career physical education, health, performance, and management; structures in seven fixed sections which, together with the rest of the sections of the variable miscellanea: editorials, summarized read doctoral thesis; “J. M. Cagigal” forum, opinion articles, and the section “Women and Sport”, form the basic content of this publication. Monographic numbers about one specific topical theme of growing scientific and academic interest are also published, about one per year.

The magazine publishes four numbers each year in two languages: Spanish (Apunts. Educación Física y Deportes [ISSN: 1577-4015]) and Catalan (Apunts. Educació Física i Esports [ISSN: 0214-8757]), with a total sum of 2,500 copies for each number and an important Exchange with multiple publications around the globe, especially Latin America. Apunts. Physical Education and Sports is the leader magazine in Spanish in the field of Sciences of Physical Activity and Sports in Spain and in the entire Latin American environment. It is a gazette of external checking with a double blind system of evaluation and assessment council of over 100 members of different institutions and geographic origins.

It is considered as a magazine with a high scientific level by the data base ISOC of the CSIS and is found in the Latindex. It pertains to the B level of the new list of scientific magazines of the CARHUS list promoted by the AQU-AGAUR in the thematic field of the Sciences of Physical Activity and Sport, with an index (ICDS) of 4.34 in the field of Pedagogy and Didactics in this area. It has been the first Education magazine pack of the data base and documental services which index Spanish magazines of Social Sciences IN-RECS in the years 2004 and 2005. Other Spanish data bases in which the publication is present are Dice, Resh, and Dialnet. Amongst the foreign data bases, Apunts. Physical Education and Sports is found in Qualis (B) and Heracles/Sportdoc.

In a recent study on the scientific production of Spanish magazines about Sciences of Physical Activities and Sport done between 1999 and 2005 it was the publication which provided the greatest amount of scientific articles, with a total of 302 articles, which translates into an average of 11.9 articles/copy and represents a contribution of the 16.91% of the sample studied (the 16 most outstanding magazines in this field, out of a total of 32 currently censed).

Apunts. Physical Education and Sports is present in internet through the web <http://www.revista-apunts.com> and is uploaded in its completion, so it can be looked in its integrity through the systematic title, number, year, author, thematic field, o key word search in three languages (Catalan, Spanish, and English) being able to download the full articles or their abstracts.

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The magazine is currently being held to a new vertebration in order to give way to a new functioning model of the internal-external circuit relation with authors, revisers, and subscriptions, and a restructuration of the article evaluation process which allows it to assume the challenges of scientific magazines of this new era. Improving the communication fluency with

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our authors and increase the rigor as high impact publication, increasing the rejection index of presented articles based on their quality, originality, and relevance. Our objective consist in achieving the scientific excellence and, consequently, obtain the recognition as top level scientific magazine in its disciplinary field by the most determining international data bases, like ISI-Thompson from Reuters agency.

Nowadays, *Apunts. Physical Education and Sports* has managed to position itself in a privileged position amongst publications of its field. A cycle closes and a new one opens up: *Apunts* enters a new intellectual and scientific expansion stage and must adjust itself to the new challenges which arise. We are a generic magazine, scientific and humanistic of reference in Spain and Latin America which edits in both language sin Catalonia and in the pages of which the vast majority of intelligentsia in the field of Sciences of Physical Activity and Sport has published their work, and we are very proud that it was so. Nevertheless, times change quickly, as well as our institutions and our academic and socio-professional environment needs to have quality scientific magazine recognized by the national and, most importantly, international data bases. This is our challenge, being excellent is not enough; to be recognized by the corresponding entities as being excellent is essential. This is why we promote a change towards the achievement of “recognized excellence” in a scientific and humanistic magazine of our specific area.

INEFC, the gazette’s institution, bids for a high impact publication of reference and has promoted a double process: externalization of the magazine through the computerization of the arrival/receiving-evaluation-correction-modification/rejection-final acceptance- article publication; and restructuration of the proceeding of the magazine’s Editorial council in the evaluation of the received works in the search of a more rigorous, professional, strict, and pedagogic process in the evaluation of the articles. We go form a magazine management process based in the Editorial Office and a personalized attention to a computerized, autonomous, and interactive magazine management process. The change will be both noticeable and complex, since we must make the starting of this new conduct compatible with the normal development of publication of the magazine; due to all of this we ask for your understanding and patience during this transition period which opens us up to achieve the goals we set ourselves to accomplish.

Even though *Apunts* is a generic magazine in a field of little intellectual prestige and with a substantial part of it dedicated to humanities, with the added-on difficulty of the existing ambiguity in the evaluation of the quality of the investigation on Humanities, we intend to turn it into a high impact scientific and humanist magazine which can return an added value to the authors in their published articles and a noticeable level of academic accreditation. For it we want to implant a new manuscript selection process with a more demanding acceptance/rejection index, since we do not only want original works which correspond to a rigorous investigation, we want relevant investigation works in our socio-professional environment which deal with real problems in our intellectual and academic sufficiency. But we also desire to edit works to help transform our most immediate reality in the field of physical education, sport, and active leisure time with our scientific contributions and promoting values such as honesty, intellectual and scientific

effort, originality, imagination, environmental concern, or re-humanization of the individual and society.

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Vocation towards service to the academic, scientific, professional, and social communities of a publication are founded on their capacity of analyzing and anticipating to the problems in the pertaining field, in communication fluency, and in its strength in promoting and editing the produced scientific excellence. Apunts. Physical Education and Sports must contribute to stimulate and improve in an intellectual and professional manner their area of knowledge and their field of social intervention, and must help to print in the field of prestige which belongs to it.

Thanks to all of those that make this magazine possible for having collaborated in such an efficient manner in this stimulating editorial adventure. We invite them to continue participating in this change in cycle which initiates with the new year and with the everyone's help it must mean a new milestone in the history of our publication.

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