



## Editorial

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Human relationships are present all over the world, in all cultures and societies, and may be considered one of the pillars of human existence. Interactions and relationships connect people forming the basis of society and permeate our daily life and the history of mankind. They are fundamental for all human activities, affecting deeply our well-being and happiness.

As relationships are everywhere and affect everybody, the scientific knowledge about human interactions and relationships should be accessible to everyone. On the other hand, the development of a scientific approach to human interactions and relationships would profit from the participation and contribution of scholars from different cultures and societies. These could provide a variety of empirical data and theoretical approaches, enabling a worldwide discussion on the theme. Based on these premises, Interpersona was founded in 2007 in order to make knowledge about human relationships accessible to a wider international readership and to foster the publication of research in the field conducted all over the world.

In the past six years, in order to accomplish, at least partially, our mission, we have published articles from 28 countries, written by 174 authors from Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, North, Central, and South America. These papers have been evaluated by an editorial board formed by scholars from 65 nations. Finally, the journal has been accessed in more than 100 countries, in the past eight months. This indicates an amazing international participation in producing, evaluating and accessing scientific knowledge about human interactions and relationships. Regarding Europe, we have published papers from 12 European countries, and the journal has been accessed in 39 countries in Europe. We should highlight the participation of scholars from 34 European nations in our editorial board. So, we could state that the journal is advancing, step by step, towards the internationalization of research in the field of human interactions and relationships.

Our 15<sup>th</sup> issue initiates a new era for Interpersona, with remarkable advances. Recently, Interpersona has been indexed in two new international databases (LATINDEX and PSICODOC). Interpersona 6(2) is the first issue published by PsychOpen, operated by the Leibniz Institute for Psychology Information, our new publisher. The decision to transfer Interpersona to PsychOpen has been motivated by the possibility of fostering the free and open exchange of information, improving the visibility of relationship research, and contributing to optimize the international reception and citation of knowledge about human relationships. The transference of Interpersona to

PsychOpen has been probably the most important decision in the history of our journal. We deeply appreciate the opportunity of having our journal published by PsychOpen and the fantastic editorial support received from the PsychOpen editorial team, especially from Isabel Bittermann and Judith Tinnes.

Finally, I would like to thank authors, reviewers and all those who contributed to the making of this historical issue, especially our associate editor Fábio Nogueira Pereira, for the great job in the papers evaluation process.

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