

## EDITORIAL

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# An ongoing commitment

RicercaAzione is starting its eleventh year of publication. In taking the editorial leadership, we are committed to continuing and developing the same lines that so far have characterised this journal:

### *RicercaAzione*

*is a scientific journal focussed on promoting knowledge and sharing of guidelines and practices on educational/didactic research and innovation at a local, national and international level.*

The process of acceptance and publication of the proposed papers is specific to the scientific journals of the sector: preliminary consideration by the editors, subsequent submission to double blind revision, a possible further process of blind revision.

The attribution of the D.O.I. to the articles, the fact of being an open journal and the improved position of the journal in the IPRASE website demonstrate the intention to promote the dissemination of ideas, research works and experiments that can contribute to educational/didactic promotion and innovation. To effectively ensure this objective, the journal focus is laid on scientific papers coming from the Trentino region, from Italy and from the rest of the world.

### *RicercaAzione*

*presents itself as a scientific journal in the service of schools and educational institutions.*

Underlining the “service” feature of a scientific journal has a twofold purpose: to declare the will to keep a close connection with research, which, in turn, is closely related to the institutions where educational practices take place, and secondly to propose itself as a useful instrument for their implementation.

In terms of subjects and contexts included in the journal, the choice will also be based on plurality and diversity, as we believe that a research project that is useful for the educational institutions to which it is addressed can be useful also for the professional growth of those who work in different contexts and areas.

The choice of an external editor coming from the academic world, Mr Claudio Girelli, and an IPRASE in-house editor, Ms Maria Arici, wants to highlight the continuous and necessary dialogue between research and educational practices, because the one cannot thrive without the other, as each of them is a prerequisite for the growth and development of the other.

## *RicercaAzione*

*hosts theoretical and empirical research papers  
able to promote and enrich teaching and educational practices;  
the journal is targeted at professionals working in schools  
(teachers, managers, practitioners, consultants, ...),*

*but also at researchers, training providers and political or administrative decision-makers.*

The types of research papers hosted in the journal RicercaAzione want to be a basis for the generation and promotion of further research works. We are therefore committed to publishing a journal based on high scientific standards, targeted at all those who work in educational institutions and at the same time are committed to their own professional development.

The journal is also targeted at all those who work in the area of academic research, but certainly not for self-serving purposes, and at all those people who work for or collaborate with schools and educational institutions to promote the common good.

## *RicercaAzione*

*is published by Istituto Provinciale per la Ricerca, l'Aggiornamento  
e la Sperimentazione Educativa (IPRASE) of Trento.*

IPRASE is not just any publisher: it is a public institute whose aims are research, professional development and experimentation in the educational field. It is no small thing to combine research and professional development! All the more so because the journal, starting from an open, public perspective, is focussed on promoting and supporting all those professionals in the educational sector who are committed to unleashing the talents of every person, based on a system of mutual interdependence. The educational commitment is necessarily a commitment for the whole community. In order to implement its mission in the best possible way, IPRASE, which is an agency of the Autonomous Province of Trento, is also an institution that works in line with independent professional and research standards. This is true also for RicercaAzione; the autonomy of its editors is a condition and a guarantee of a scientifically serious and intense commitment.

## *RicercaAzione*

*has been renewed not only from the viewpoint of its graphic design.*

In addition to the section 'Research', where papers are published with D.O.I. and comply with the standards of scientific articles both in terms of design and publication process, two new permanent sections have been introduced: 'Experiences and reflections' and 'Reviews'. The contributions included in these sections aim at offering new and diversified opportunities for reflection and professional development. Their authors, having different backgrounds and interests, use various writing formats (experience reporting, interviews, documents, reviews, etc.). These contributions will not undergo any double blind revision process and will be directly accepted by the editors and

therefore will not be described by a specific D.O.I.

We would like to thank all those who will contribute to the journal RicercAzione and reiterate our commitment to focussing on the scientific quality of the articles and on the diversification of themes and contexts, as well as on promoting the expansion of collaboration networks, the dissemination and visibility of the journal and its recognition at a national and international level.

*Claudio Girelli e Maria Arici*