Editorial

Finally ...

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Finally the editorial project is fulfilled with this number 2012. We started 17 years ago with little more than a neglected. We then chose the APA style, staying faithful with some pique. After a while, we decided for the double blind evaluation. Passing from the publisher FrancoAngeli to Padua University Press, took place the decision to publish the magazine online.; after that, to publish in English with an annual supplement in Italian. Finally, we translated the name of the journal in English.

We are in every way faithful to the original idea of a tool for dissemination of family area research with a multidisciplinary perspective. On the other hand, it is the reason why the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on the Family (CIRF) started twenty years ago.

Interdisciplinary Journal of Family Studies is undoubtedly its most significant commitment. The editorial team is rightly proud, especially because it is the first magazine published by Padua University Press. We hope that other journals can be added, but we remain the first proposal.

First for quality? In a short time, the historical archives of the magazine will be made available because nearly two decades of publication is not a trivial matter. Preparing the material for it to be placed online, we became aware of a real asset for study and research that deserves not to be lost, but recovered, critically analyzed, made known mainly by the younger generation.

We hope that the journal as well as now presented, can be inserted as soon as possible in international databases. Only the circulation of scientific production may force us to do research in an ever more accurate manner and to make proposals based on the issues that families are facing today. In this

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period of economic recession, social problems become more acute and questions of meaning are more urgent.

People who apply to the area of family-level study and research are increasingly under pressure to give serious contributions that provide feasible applications with useful and verifiable results. It's time to get out of its enclosure and compete in an interdisciplinary way, both at a theoretical and applicational level. Interdisciplinary Journal of Family Studies is a major resource that deserves to be used for publishing and to know what it has been published. We hope that there are many scholars and students interested in continuing to bring to life this tool, even to improve it and spread it.