

## The Journey of a South American Scientific Journal: Its Quest for Global Publication

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## Introduction



- Among psychology journals in Brazil, only two are published in the global market:
  - Psychology & Neuroscience (APA)
  - Psicologia: Reflexão e Crítica (Springer)
- Publishing in the global market has advantages:
  - Hosting platform / Distribution / Publication
  - Professional proofreaders & typesetters
  - Prestige





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- Research Questions:
  - 1. What about these journals put them in this position?
  - 2. Did they have a method or template for success?
  - 3. Did they pursue a major publisher worldwide?
  - 4. Were they simply in the right place at the right time?



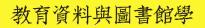






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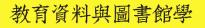






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- Resources:
  - · Archived issues of the journal
  - Interviews
  - Emails









- Analysis of *Psychology & Neuroscience* reveals:
  - 1. English-language publication
  - 2. Stable business model: ANPEPP (vs. academic)
  - 3. Editors had permanent positions (vs. rotating)
  - 4. Editors schooled in English-speaking countries
  - 5. Editorial board: high % native-English speaking









- The journal *Psychology & Neuroscience* had qualities well-suited for global publication.
- The journal did *not* have a set method or template for success.
- The journal *did* pursue a major global publisher.
- The journal was in the right place at the right time.









- Some journals are suited for global publication, but not all journals.
- Pursuing global publication should be a *fluid* process, versus placing a square peg in a round hole.
- Fluency in English is critical for journals seeking global publication.









## The End



