

PREFACE

The Annual Meeting of the Leaders of the Federal Institutions of Vocational, Scientific and Technical Education (REDITEC), which has been held for 42 years, is a fertile moment when managers of the Federal Network of Vocational and Technical Education gather to evaluate paths, propose possible futures and fertilize ideas and projects. Especially in 2018, the Federal Network aimed at consolidating its annual meeting as an event for training managers, sharing experiences and cooperation with other countries, while expanding its borders of action through a fruitful dialogue with managers and international researchers. The event, hosted by the Fluminense Federal Institute (Instituto Federal Fluminense - IFF) and the National Council of Institutions of the Federal Network of Vocational, Scientific and Technological Education (CONIF) in its 42nd edition, was challenging since the planning phase until its holding from September 10 to 14 in the magnificent and welcoming city of Búzios, one of the most beautiful postcards in the state of Rio de Janeiro.

The main theme of this edition was “Work in the 21st Century - Globalization, Innovation, Vocational and Technological Education: Paths and Challenges for Inclusion”, which could be discussed from a wide and diverse program, including lectures, panel discussions, exhibition of successful experiences, meetings of Rectors, Forums and UNESCO/UNEVOC Centers in Latin America, as well as extensive cultural programming and exhibition of projects in the “Technological Marquee”. The opportunity to meet international and national managers and researchers, teachers, students, professionals and partners from the most varied areas provided to all an important moment for exchanges, discussions and preparation of proposals around many issues related to Professional and Technological Education in Brazil and in the world and, without doubt, has further strengthened the bonds and cohesion of this huge and comprehensive network of talent development, reaffirming its commitment to transform lives and realities open and ready to expand its international cooperation. At the local sphere, I have absolutely no doubts that the involvement and unfolding of students and IFF staff in the organization and accomplishment of REDITEC proved to be a rewarding experience that further reinforced our multiple campuses identity and our sense of belonging to the Federal Network.

Among the presentations that were delivered at the event, I would like to mention the “Exhibition of Successful Experiences” which enabled the socialization of the Federal Network of Professional, Scientific and Technological Education productions with a focus on solutions that integrate with its management, the different themes and actions of teaching, research and extension. These papers have a unique importance since they foster the appropriation of research, systems, tools, methodologies and other productions, contributing to the development and improvement of the Federal Network’s educational action. Thus, we understand that the recognition of the authors and the incentive to their production should happen in different forms including the award of the best works. The final result comprised eleven high quality papers which led us to a bolder proposal to think about publishing. We have challenged the authors of these studies to write an extensive research paper about their experiences.

Therefore, I would like to present this book in its bilingual edition with great joy and pleasure to my colleagues from the Federal Education Network and to all those who are interested in the issues that permeate our actions to learn a little about the activities of our institutions. The challenge has been embraced and the result is now available to be shared by this publication. Long live the Federal Network!

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