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We, as a group of researchers, have been missing a journal on qualitative research in Education for a long time. Currently there are numerous educational journals, and some of them on qualitative research in social studies. Nevertheless, there has been a lack of journals linking these two fields, especially nowadays considering the increase in social studies. Hence, we believe that a regular journal must be promoted as a reference point in the field of Education, a journal which could set trends in qualitative research in Education. The lack has been caused by the complexity of qualitative research itself because of its multimethodology, as it was stated by Denzin & Lincoln (2005) and Flick (2002). This journal enables a wide range of publishing possibilities.
We dreamed with a journal of high quality research, with an international benchmark. Then, we began to share our dream with a journal of high quality research, with an international benchmark. Then, we began to share our dream with Hipatia Press, and we glimpsed a publication on qualitative research in Education on the horizon. Launching our journal with the support of the publisher of some of the most prestigious authors and writers on Education was the best way to realized that the dream was coming true.

Since we have been uttering Qualitative Research in Education profusely, it became the name of the journal, the name of our dream. It was meaningful showing our intentions: Education is our field and qualitative research, our theme. Consequently, it can be concluded that we aim at publishing disciplinary or interdisciplinary studies related to qualitative research in Education applied to Pedagogy, Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, History, Philosophy, Linguistics, Geography, Mathematics, Physical Education, Music, Politics...

The best thing about dreams is that they give meaning to life since they are reasons for getting up in the morning with a hopeful feeling for the whole day. Dreams are always pushing us to think that something better can happen. They are a window to optimism. Dreams are always walking hand in hand with hopes that can be defined as a state of burning and contagious passion. Thus, hope spread our dream all around the world finding dreamers to whom we must thank their authorship, reviews, collaboration with the board of publishers... This is an illustrative example considering that nowadays our researchers among the scientific community come from the five continents and from ten different nations.

Writing these lines is a very special event, given that the first issue is just about to be published. It makes us feel satisfied to see this dream come true. Furthermore..., it is the best way to let people know about it and join us. From this moment onwards, it will be quarterly published. The first issue, published in volumes throughout 2012, aims at establishing the journal's line of work based in two principles: internationalization and quality.
In this context, dreaming does not mean daring to desire something impossible, but casting light on it, mapping it out, guessing what the future holds. (Freire, 2006, p. 297)

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