

WHAT METEOROLOGY DOES IT HAVE EXIST WITH HEALTH?



Health left of being exclusively a medicine subject. Chosen as priority theme in the opinion researches, people's health, among them the respiratory diseases, also is, today, a challenge for the scientists who integrate Biometeorology's Area, specialization of the meteorological science that studies this matter and that needs to be developed most in our country to give answers the our society. This way, the **Cover Matter** of this issue treat of this important subject, relating information and clearings on influence of the meteorological conditions in the human health and its importance in our everyday.

Biometeorology theme also is approached in our **Interview** with the professor of Atmospheric Sciences Institute, José Clênio de Oliveira, specialist in this area. In it, the professor to look for analyzes not only the causes of the current moment of Biometeorology as well as aspects that should be announced so that people can take science and futurely enlarge the quantity of researchers studying this important specialization of the meteorological science.

Do you know how is calculated and so that it serves the ultraviolet radiation index? Our session **Curiosities** point out for you.

The Meteorology always was seen as a career that owns relationships with other activities, however its community always was small for several reasons: Small number of schools, risen evasion and few incentives of public and private institutions that could encourage the students with apprenticeships and offered jobs to the graduated professionals. Moreover, missed by its society strive and to strengthen of manner more intense in behalf of its subscript rights in Law, besides updating its functions flagrantly due to the changes occurred along time, what did not occur! Passed 30 years of the Professional Regulation Law in Brazil we continue still striving so that our rights be respected and asking what

should do, in a perspective of short, medium and long terms, to face these problems. This is the motive of our **Point of View**, that seek analyze the Lay Project that wants to change the profession name and that according to its authors would solve the existing problems

Following the way to **Our Schools**, you are going to know the Meteorology School recent history of the Federal University of Santa Maria (UFSM). In it we show the School advances after its creation that for signal owns nowadays one of the courses most competed in Brazil. Moreover, it culminated recently with creation of its Post-Graduation even just having 6 years of creation.

Finally, Cirrus could not to mention registering the loss of one of the largest divulging scientific names of Brazilian meteorology: The physicist and painter Marcomede Rangel. With more than 30 published papers, Marcomede loved to talk with children on sciences, among them Meteorology and Astronomy. He was a symbol than best Brazil already produced in the scientific field in Astronomy and correlated sciences. His death lets an enormous lacuna between all the ones that, like he, fight to announce without obstacles sciences to all people, of simple form and without tecnicism. Because of this, UNEMET does this just homage to the Marcomedia!