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ABSTRACT

This is the 22nd edition of Ambiente & Água. As with recent editions, it includes 20 peer-reviewed articles. We continue our policies of complete open access and of working to increase the visibility of articles. As a result of these policies, we recently were accepted by two important indexers: The Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO) and the US National Agricultural Library (NAL). We continue to register the doi of all articles and to publish each issue as a single document in addition to the individual articles. This editorial describes the current status of the Ambiente & Água journal in the Qualis CAPES.

Keywords: Ambi-Agua, Environment, Water Resources, Qualis CAPES, SciELO.

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RESUMO

Estamos publicando a 22^a edição da Revista Ambiente & Água. De forma similar às últimas edições, ela contém 20 artigos avaliados por pares. Continuamos a praticar a política de acesso completamente aberto e a promover continuamente a visibilidade dos artigos. Como consequência, fomos recentemente admitidos em dois indexadores importantes que são: SciELO e a National Agricultural Library dos Estados Unidos (NAL). Continuamos a registrar o doi de todos os artigos e a disponibilizar cada edição completa em um único arquivo, além dos artigos individuais. Esse editorial apresenta o status da revista Ambiente & Água no Qualis CAPES, recentemente atualizado.

Palavras-chave: Ambi-Agua, Meio Ambiente, Recursos Hídricos, Qualis CAPES, SciELO.

1. INTRODUCTION

On May 9, 2013, the SciELO Brazil Advisory Committee selected new journals from among 47 candidates reviewed for the SciELO Brazil Collection (http://www.scielo.br/avaliacao/20130509_en.htm). It is our pleasure to announce that the Revista Ambiente & Água (Online) was selected for inclusion in the SciELO's Agricultural Sciences area.

Inclusion in the SciELO Brazil Collection confers great distinction upon a scientific journal. Among the several thousands of journals registered with ISSN in Brazil, only 274

titles are currently listed in the SciELO Collection. The challenge now is to maintain the high quality standards of the SciELO. For more information about the journals selection process, see http://www.scielo.br/avaliacao/criterio/scielo_brasil_en.htm.

Once we have been admitted to the SciELO Collection, we will be required by the criteria of SciELO Brasil to increase our output to four issues per year and to augment the institutional and geographic representativeness of the Editorial Committee. We will, of course, continue to strive to maintain and improve the quality of our articles, with sound analysis and adequate abstracts, and with well selected keywords. It was recommended that the Editorial Committee include representatives from the fields of biology, water resources, and environmental/sanitation engineering, as well as scientists with some Spanish background. We would appreciate suggestions from the scientific community on how best to implement these recommendations as soon as possible.

We have also received an invitation from The National Agricultural Library (NAL) of the United States for indexing *Revista Ambiente & Agua* in the AGRICOLA database. AGRICOLA (<http://www.nal.usda.gov/AGRICOLA>) contains over 5 million citations of agricultural literature and is used worldwide by researchers, agriculturalists, and others. We were pleased to accept this invitation and started the details to have *Ambiente & Agua* Journal indexed in AGRICOLA.

The Brazilian Coordination for Enhancement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES) is responsible for *stricto sensu* post-graduate evaluation. To accomplish this, it evaluates the scientific journals that publish articles from this community and grades the journals in an index called “Qualis CAPES” (<http://qualis.capes.gov.br/webqualis/principal.seam>). We are now rated in 19 different areas of Qualis CAPES. We were raised to the B1 stratum of the Multidisciplinary Area and to the B2 stratum by the Environmental Committee, two of the major foci of *Ambiente & Agua*. The journal also ranked in the B1 stratum in the Administration, Accounting and Tourism Areas and in the B2 stratum in the Urban and Regional Planning / Demography Area. We ranked lower in the other areas. The complete ranking of the journal can be accessed in: <http://www.ambi-agua.net/splash-seer/?access=qualis-capes>.

We look forward to world class submissions from the scientific community that will help us to maintain SciELO Collection standards and increase our citation index. We are indebted to the dedicated voluntary members of our Peer Review Evaluation Panel that now includes 500 registered reviewers. The quality and success of the journal is largely a tribute to their very competent and professional efforts.