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The publication of the seventh edition of “Revista Ambiente e Água – An Interdisciplinary Journal of Applied Science (Ambi-Água)” demonstrates the international visibility that the journal is reaching. An unprecedented number of submissions has been received for this issue and resulted in an increased number (50%) of published articles, as compared to the first two volumes that had six articles published. This issue brings nine peer reviewed articles out of which 5 are published in English. Among those two were submitted from abroad (Nigeria and Argentina) in addition to several paper co-authors from the United States.

The participation in the authorship of public universities and municipal, state and federal institutions was also significant. There were 18 authors in this issue from those institutions not considering those authors from abroad.

There was also a thematic coverage expansion of articles within the interdisciplinary scope of Ambi-Água. An example of this is an article in Engineering concerned with thermal comfort in urban areas; several submissions in environmental chemistry with two published articles (organic and inorganic chemistry); one article in the area of public health and antimicrobial resistance in aquatic ecosystem; other in sensibility to oil spilling charting in coastal islands; chemical contamination in fish due to the improper land use in Amazonia; and two articles in hydrological modeling in watersheds.

Powered by the OAI-PMH protocol (Batista, 2007), which greatly enhances the visibility of the journal, in addition to the fact that Ambi-Água appears in several international indexing systems and its free on-line availability with open access policy, the journal is being frequently consulted, as shown in Figure 1. In only two months (June 15 to August 15, 2008) there were 4,556 consultations with an average of approximately 500 consultations a week (Figure 1).

These consultations came from 616 cities (Figure 2), 79 countries, and five continents in that period.

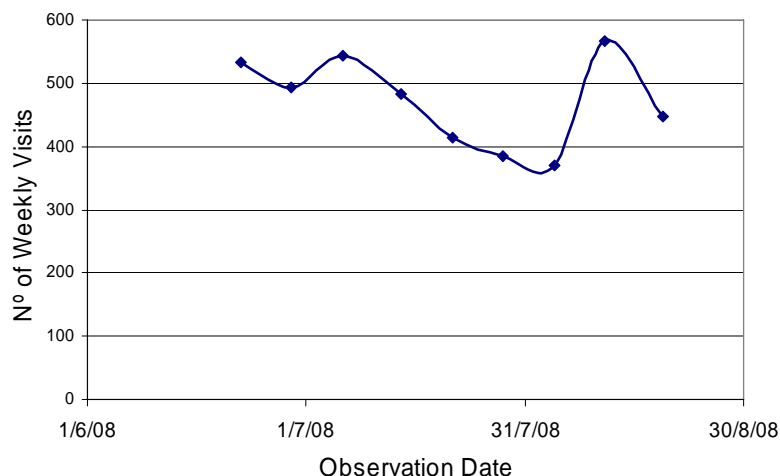


Figure 1. Number of consultations to the journal per week in the two month period analyzed (June 15 on August 15, 2008).



Figure 2. Spatial distribution of the 616 cities from where consultations to Ambi-Água originated in the two month period analyzed (June 15 on August 15, 2008).

The cities from where the most frequent hits came from (10 or more) are identified in Table 1.

Table 1. Cities from where the most frequent consultations came from (10 or more hits from June 15 to August 15, 2008).

N ^o	City	Consults	N ^o	City	Consults	N ^o	City	Consults
1	São Paulo	537	19	Campo Grande	43	38	Pelotas	16
2	Rio de Janeiro	284	20	Santa Maria	42	39	Bogota	15
3	Belo Horizonte	238	21	Taubaté	40	40	Santos	15
4	S. J. dos Campos	163	22	Lisbon	39	41	Joinville	14
5	Brasília	155	24	Vila Velha	38	42	La Victoria	14
6	Curitiba	149	25	Vitoria	35	43	Lorena	14
7	Porto Alegre	104	26	Natal	34	44	Ribeirão Preto	13
8	Recife	95	27	Manaus	32	45	Lavras	12
9	Goiânia	87	28	Teresina	32	46	Porto Velho	11
10	Cuiabá	81	29	Londrina	30	47	Blumenau	10
11	Salvador	79	30	Apucarana	28	48	Campos	10
12	Campinas	78	31	Maceió	25	49	Navegantes	10
13	Belém	73	32	São Caetano Sul	24	50	Nova Iguaçu	10
14	Florianópolis	71	33	Guarulhos	22	51	Santo Andre	10
15	João Pessoa	68	34	São Luis	20	52	Uberaba	10
16	Uberlândia	68	35	Corrientes	18	53	Viçosa	10
17	Fortaleza	67	36	Aracaju	17			
18	Cascavel	50	37	Osasco	17			

Obs.: cities from abroad in blue.

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