

EDITORIAL

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Dear LAJSBA readers, following are first contact in volume 21-1, we are addressing you this time to let you know some good news regarding the journal and its performance and global position.

Starting in this volume 22-1, we have completely renovated the first page of each manuscript, in order to re-create a more suitable front page now that the journal is digital only. In that first page the article information is now presented side by side with the abstract, and separated from author's details and following sections by heavy lines. In the article information sector, additional records such as the handling editor and the date of its first appearance online, have been also included. Moreover, the title abbreviation of the journal, LAJSBA, has been incorporated in the top-left corner of the front page and in the bottom of consecutive ones. We think LAJSBA should work as our "brand" and therefore it deserved more visibility.

LAJSBA also provides a new service to authors starting this volume, in which accepted papers are immediately available on-line through its PPCT website (ppct.caicyt.gov.ar/index.php/lajsba/index). There, the unedited version of each article is published online and citable, eventually replaced by its final edited and typeset version as the entire volume is being produced. We firmly believe this service, as it does in many other journals elsewhere, will help Latin American sedimentologists to more rapidly show and disseminate the science they are generating.

Speaking of that, in the past year a strong effort was made to keep incorporating the collection of the precursor of LAJSBA, the Asociación Argentina de Sedimentología Revista, in the SciELO repository. Through this collaborative work with the AAS board, volumes from 1996 to 2004 of that journal

have been already incorporated, only lacking the two oldest volumes (1994 and 1995). Once in the final repository in SciELO, single articles as well as complete volumes can be found by science databases and colleagues worldwide, likely empowering the journal visibility and historical performance.

Concerning the performance of LAJSBA and its global position, we are glad to inform that SCImago has recently updated its qualification for the 2005-2014 period, following the incorporation of the entire record of the journal in Scopus. According to the SCImago Journal Rank (SJR) the journal has occupied the third quartile for the three categories in which it is enlisted (geology, stratigraphy, and paleontology) for most of the last 10 years, and remains in that position in 2014 (see complete information at www.scimagojr.com). Additionally, some other indices calculated by Scopus, such as the Impact per paper (IPP) and the Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP), collectively suggest that LAJSBA has recently had (period 2011-2013) a relatively good relationship between the citations it received and the number of papers that it publishes annually (similar for example to journals that are ranked as second quartile in SCImago).

So, in short, the journal is doing well, but we believe it could do better to attract more readers and contributors. Some aspects that have to be re-enforced are related to its periodicity, which is in turn associated with the number of papers that are submitted and eventually accepted for publication. In this sense, the journal requires a commitment of the Argentine and Latin American sedimentological community to contribute with their science. Additionally, we continue seeking proposals for special issues, because they guarantee a relatively large body of contributions of a given topic. The

last one we published, entitled *Limnogeology in Southern South America: Tracking environmental variability from the Late Glacial to the 21st Century*, having six papers and involving more than 35 researchers from across the world, was a great success (find it at www.scielo.org.ar). Last but not least, we want to thank guest editors and reviewers of papers published in volumes 21-1, 21-2, and 22-1, because they are an essential part of the evaluating process of the journal. Finally, we hope you will appreciate the incorporated

changes in LAJSBA and we look forward to hear from you, either sending along your contributions and/or providing suggestions to make a stronger journal all together.



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