

EDITORIAL

The 20th anniversary of the AAS Revista/Latin American Journal of Sedimentology and Basin Analysis has arrived with exciting and challenging news. We can no longer say that this is a young journal and, through its maturity, new defies arrive and it is up to the whole community to be up to date with these, while valuing the founding spirit of the journal.

Perillo (2005) in the first issue of the renewed journal suggested that LAJSBA was “our new reality”. We cannot agree more that it is now a reality. He also suggested that there were two challenges that the journal was facing in the future that included the generation of an online platform for the journal and the need of a leap into higher levels of international indexing. Now, after 8 years of that statement, we believe that we are in the path of consolidating this journal as a leading publication in sedimentology and basin analysis for the Latin American community, with a clear international projection.

We can say that now the Latin American Journal of Sedimentology and Basin Analysis is a completely online-based journal, from the editorial process through the PPCT-Portal de Publicaciones Científicas y Técnicas (CAICYT-CONICET, ppct.caicyt.gov.ar), to its online publication and storage in the SciELO platform (www.scielo.org.ar). The benefits of this online presence are in clear sight. Shorter submission-to-publication times in one side, and higher number of accesses to articles published in LAJSBA, which in turn translates into greater citation values, in the other. Another side advantage of this new virtual presence of LAJSBA is that, starting with this issue, an early online version of articles in press is now available at LAJSBA’s PPCT website (<http://ppct.caicyt.gov.ar/index.php/lajsba/issue/archive>). This reduces the publication times even more and allows full access to published material while articles wait for their definitive publication date.

The success of the online initiative, something that was easy to anticipate considering the times we are now living, has encouraged the Asociación Argentina de Sedimentología (AAS) to take a step forward and discontinue the publication of the printed version of the journal after 19 years. Volume 20 will be the first published exclusively online and

this will allow the AAS to redirect the resources that the printed version of the journal consumed and eventually allow the publication of more articles per issue or increase the number of issues per volume without affecting the association’s finances in a drastic way. This is a long-lasting wish and something that we were not able to accomplish in the first 20 years of the AAS Revista/LAJSBA initiative.

The positioning of the Latin American Journal of Sedimentology and Basin Analysis in international indexing services has been increasing considerably in the past few years, and we are glad to announce that LAJSBA is now fully included in SCOPUS services, starting with last year’s Volume 19. This policy of improving the visibility of the journal has an obvious turnover. Articles published in LAJSBA have been accessed in the SciELO platform over 100.000 times during the last years (and increasing at an astonishing rate), a value that represents, at least, a four-fold growth when compared to access to the printed version of the journal.

However, and despite these all good news, there are still some unresolved issues that we think deserve a profound discussion within the sedimentological community regarding future prospects of the Latin American Journal of Sedimentology and Basin Analysis. Although improving is most of the important aspects of the editorial process the journal has not been able to attract a substantial volume of manuscripts that will ensure the future growth of LAJSBA. A campaign to promote the benefits of publishing in this journal, directed to the whole Latin American community, could be a possibility that should be considered by the AAS and future LAJSBA’s editorial team.

To finalise, this is our last volume as Editors of the Latin American Journal of Sedimentology and Basin Analysis and we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us through these years to run this editorial initiative, including all authors, members of the Editorial Board, reviewers, copy-editors and especially the AAS Board for their confidence and for letting us materialize our ideas on how to take this journal to the position it deserves in the international publishing community. It is now time for renewed energies and new ideas, and we

wish the new Editorial team all the success in the coming years.

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