## **EDITORIAL**

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Dear LAJSBA readers, we want to stay in contact with you for the second time, in this case starting the 27<sup>th</sup> Volume and after two years as LAJSBA Editors. First of all, we would like to thank the support received by the broad sedimentological community in Argentina and Latin America, particularly to the affiliates of the Asociación Argentina de Sedimentología. The journal has experienced important advances in these two years which are our main focus on this communication.

In our first Editorial, in Vol. 25.1, we put emphasis in some relevant topics to work for during this time. One of them was the possibility of incorporate the complete record of the AAS Revista (pre-LAJSBA) to SCOPUS. This finally was achieved by the end of 2019, and SCOPUS database included all the papers from AAS-Revista between 1996-2004. To do this, very important steps were done by members of the AAS board and previous editorial teams, so thanks to them! Another previously mentioned aspect was the incorporation of a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) for all the papers of the journal. This theme is on progress at this moment through Scielo Argentina, they will generate DOI's for LAJSBA papers before 2020, after that we will continue the process.

Apart from these two topics, may be the most important news for LAJSBA is the regularity of the volumes! After a 2018 with a record of papers submitted to the journal we could publish 4 full numbers in a year (25.1, 25.2, 26.1 and 26.2) which means that in December 2019 we publish on-line and on-time the Volume 26.2. In the same way, the present number (27.1) is fully available on-line in July 2020 on our final repository, Scielo Argentina. Special thanks are for Augusto Varela and José Cuitiño, guest editors of the two highly successful Special Volumes dedicated to the Austral Basin. We invite to our readers to propose new thematic volumes for LAJSBA.

Nowadays the LAJSBA is an entirely online-only free-access journal, with a high level of scientific quality and design which is recognized for the Latin American Earth-science community. In terms of bibliographic indexes, LAJSBA is taken into account by SCOPUS, Scimago, Latindex, GeoRef, and SciELO. Considering the recent modification of SCOPUS's CiteScore, LAJSBA maintain its status in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quartile in the Scimago Journal Ranking in all the categories where it is included (Geology, Paleontology, and Stratigraphy).

We strongly believed that LAJSBA is ready to jump to the next level, becoming more attractive for the international community. We will work to maintain the path marked by previous editorial teams for this journal. To conclude, we want to emphasize that the future of LAJSBA depends on all of us, readers, authors, reviewers, and editors. The journal needs the support of the Latin American sedimentological community, not just to maintain its importance in our region, but to cross our borders. A special message is for our readers; we are looking forward to receiving your contributions!



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