



Editorial

Dear Readers

The Editor-in-chief of the journal *Acta Scientiarum Technology* for 2012 was Dr Nilson Evelazio de Souza, researcher 1C of the Brazilian Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), professor in the Chemistry Post-graduate Program of the State University of Maringá (UEM) and Senior Visiting Professor/CAPES of UTFPR, campus Londrina PR Brazil. Associate editor was Dr Adley Forti Rubira, researcher 1B of CNPq, and Full Professor at the Chemistry Department of UEM.

Further, the issues had the special collaboration of the following Section Editors: Architecture: Renato Leão Rego (UEM); Geography: Edward Elias de Souza Filho (UEM); Mathematics: Marcelo Moreira Cavalcanti (UEM); Chemistry: Cláudio Celestino de Oliveira (UEM) and Edvani Curti Muniz (UEM); Physics: Ervim Kaminski Lenzi (UEM); Statistics: Terezinha Aparecida Guedes (UEM); Computer Science: Gustavo Enrique Almeida Prado Alves Batista (USP) and Valéria Delisandra Feltrim (UEM); Food Technology: Jesui Vergílio Visentainer (UEM) and Antonio Roberto Giriboni Monteiro (UEM); Agricultural Engineering: João Paulo A. Rodrigues da Cunha (UFU) and Antônio Lilles (UFPEL); Civil Engineering: Rafael Alves de Souza (UEM); Mechanical Engineering: Marcos Pinotti Barbosa (UFMG); Electrical Engineering: Denizar Cruz Martins (UFSC) and Chemical Engineering: Marcelo Kaminski Lenzi (UFPR).

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With regard to the Qualis/Capes (Coordination for the Upgrading of Higher Education Personnel) Ranking for 2010-2012, the journal ranked: **A2:** Geography; **B1:** Agrarian Sciences I, Engineering I and III, Interdisciplinarity, Urban and Regional Planning/Demography, **B2:** Biodiversity, Food Sciences and Technology, Engineering II, Veterinary Medicine and Animal Science and Animal Science/Fishing Resources; **B3:** Geo-Sciences; **B5:** Chemistry and Computer Science. It is our intention to improve on these ranking in the next triennium (2013-2015).

Changes in *Guidelines to Authors* for the publishing of articles so that the journal would be more prominent and visible, or rather, when authors were requested to submit articles in English, made their number increase considerably. In fact, 133 submissions in 2011 increased to 204 on the 30th November 2012. Since forthcoming articles were on the rise, the editorial board decided to increase from 15 to 25 the number of articles in each issue, which means that one hundred articles per year will be published in 2013.

On the *Acta Scientiarum Technology*'s visibility, we would like to inform the readers that, according to SCOPUS, the journal had a Source Normalized Impact per Paper (SNIP) of 0.149 in 2009; 0.217 in 2010 and

0.244 in 2011. Citations in SCOPUS featured 5 in 2009; 10 in 2010; 35 in 2011 and 40 till November 2012, with a sure rise in 2012. With regard to SJR (SCImago Journal Rank), index was 0.000 in 2008; 0.132 in 2009; 0.140 in 2010 and 0.160 in 2011, with an important increase in relevance. According to the highly relevant ISI WEB KNOWLEDGE, citations were 15 in 2009; 12 in 2010; 37 in 2011 and jumped to 55 till November 2012, with a clear rise in ISI ranking. Further, according to Journal Citation Reports, The impact factors were 0.150 in 2010 and 0.191 in 2011, with a higher rise in 2012, forecasted by the rising number of citations in ISI.

Acta Scientiarum Technology was recently indexed in Redalyc (Red de Revistas Científicas de América Latina y el Caribe, España y Portugal-Sistema de Información Científica Redalyc - www.redalyc.org). The various sciences of Engineering are the object of the above-mentioned index.

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Improvement and visibility of *Acta Scientiarum Technology* have been enhanced as from the decision of publishing in English.

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