



Editorial

Acta Scientiarum. Technology improves visibility and increases the index in the Journal Citation Reports (JCR)

When I became Chief Editor of *Acta Scientiarum. Technology* in 2011, the journal's impact factor in the Journal Citation Reports was 0.150. Our first approach was to improve the visibility of the journal. Within such a context, the Editorial Board of the *Acta Scientiarum. Technology* modified the submission norms as from September 2011, or rather, **all articles submitted must be in English and authors should provide a text featuring high quality English**. The journal's Editorial Board also recommended that 80% of references should be provided from articles listed at the ISI Web of Knowledge or SCOPUS bases during the last 10 years. It also recommended preference for quotations from international articles. In fact, quotations from dissertations, theses, monographs, proceedings, abstracts, précis, newspapers, magazines and technical bulletins are not accepted and citations from electronic documents should be avoided (de Souza; Braccini, 2012).

Changes in the Guidelines to Authors for the publishing of articles were undertaken so that the journal would be more prominent and visible, or rather, when authors were requested to submit articles in English, the number increased considerably. In fact, 133 submissions in 2011 increased to 204 on the 30th November 2012. Since 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 would be published in 2013 (de Souza, 2013).

With regard to 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 0.244 in 2011; 0.339 in 2012 and 0.527 in 2013. Citations in SCOPUS featured 36 in 2011; 68 in 2012 and 114 in 2013. According to SJR (SCImago Journal Rank), index was 0.163 in 2011; 0.223 in 2012 and 0.260 in 2013, with an important increase in relevance. According to the highly relevant ISI WEB KNOWLEDGE, citations were 37 in 2011; 67 in 2012 and 99 in 2013, with a clear rise in ISI ranking. Further, Journal Citation Reports state that the impact factors were 0.191 in 2011; 0.319 in 2012 and 0.458 in 2013, a highly significant increase which reveals greater visibility of the journal *Acta Scientiarum. Technology*.

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: Romel Vanderley Dias (UEM); Mechanical Engineering: Marcos Pinotti Barbosa (UFMG); Electrical Engineering: Denizar Cruz Martins (UFSC) and Chemical Engineering: Marcelo Kaminski Lenzi (UFPR).

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Submissions are suspended until complete normalization of publications. Currently, when an article is approved for publication, it will not take more than two issues of the journal to be published.

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