

Editorial

In this eighth volume of *Neotropical Biology and Conservation*, I would like to share with the scientific community a recent achievement of the journal: Elsevier has approved the journal's inclusion in the data base Scopus. Now we can envisage a broader dissemination of the published articles than that thus far achieved. In addition, the published articles will receive a citation index in the near future.

This achievement was only possible due to the participation of researches of different regions of Brazil, as well as other countries of South America, who submitted their manuscripts for publication in the journal and/or participated in the evaluation of manuscripts. I herein acknowledge, also in the name of the former editor, Prof. Dr. Leonardo Maltchik, the authors, reviewers and members of the Scientific Committee who took part in this process of recognition and qualification of the journal.

Neotropical Biology and Conservation published 26 articles in its seventh volume in 2012 that are already available in Scopus. Twenty of them were full research articles and three were scientific notes. The two other were published in the sections "Review articles" and "Comments". About 50% of the articles published in the seventh issue were in English. I am very grateful to the more than one hundred *ad hoc* reviewers from Brazil and abroad, who generously given their time to evaluate submitted manuscripts last year.

From now on, we would like to enhance the visibility of the journal at the international level. Thus, we will have the participation of researches from other countries as members of the Scientific Committee together with researchers from various renowned Brazilian institutions. I would like to rely on all researchers involved with sending their results for publication and/or evaluating scientific articles submitted to the journal to help us to attain this objective.

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