

Editorial

This year brings to the journal *Neotropical Biology and Conservation* various reasons to celebrate. The first one is our 10th anniversary. We began our journey to share advances in scientific knowledge on the Neotropical biota in 2006, but continuing the tradition of the former *Acta Biologica Leopoldensia* that was edited by UNISINOS between 1979 and 2005.

Another reason is the first impact factor generated for the two years (2013-2014) since the journal was incorporated in the Scopus database. The participation of researchers from various Brazilian regions, as well as other countries of South America, who have submitted their manuscripts for publication in the journal and/or participated in the evaluation of manuscripts, makes this achievement possible.

In 2014, the journal published 20 articles, of which 45% were in English. Fifteen of the published articles were full research papers and one was a review article. The other 4 were scientific notes. Diverse aspects of the ecology and conservation of continental ecosystems, as well as the diversity of mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, fishes and invertebrates, among others, were reported in the ninth volume. Also, advances on the knowledge of the fauna and vegetation of various biomes throughout Brazil were published by *Neotropical Biology and Conservation* last year.

We know that the recognition of Brazilian scientific journals is difficult, considering the evaluation methodology of the scientific production in the country. Thus, we gratefully acknowledge members of the scientific community who use our journal as a venue to disseminate their research results. We also would like to thank all reviewers, more than one hundred researches, who spent their valuable time in the revision of manuscripts published or submitted to the journal in 2014.

In the first number of the 10th volume, the characterization and conservation planning of protected areas, the biodiversity of the Cerrado biome, diversity of bats in southeast and northeast Brazil and aspects related to the conservation of marine and freshwater fauna are addressed. We continue relying on the scientific community to pursue our aim of enhancing the visibility of the journal at the international level.

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