

Editorial

This is our 20th issue, a mark of our twentieth anniversary. Once again, we publish an issue on time and with all the quality to which our readers and authors have grown used.

As stated in the previous editorial, during these almost ten years, we have received a little over 300 papers to evaluate. Of these, little over 100 were accepted and published, resulting in an acceptance rate of around 35%. In this issue, we were as though as usual, and 40% of the papers submitted were published.

Our rejections are not simple negative notes. Each reviewer composes a lengthy description of the reasons each paper could not be published and how it should be improved in order to be online at our site. No rejections without justifications are accepted here. And the best part is that our editorial process is iterative: each author can submit a new version, explaining to the reviewers what he improved and how he complied with the suggestions.

The only reason why this works is because we are quite fast. Our first review is usually performed in an average of 55 days. The next ones are faster, because our reviewers are already familiar with the material and hence, a paper usually undergoes three rounds of review in about 95 days.

The result is a high level of quality that can be assured by the numbers from our website. Close to 10% of our papers have been downloaded more than 1.000 times, while 50% of our papers have been download more than 100 times, post installation of counters in each download page.

If we use references as a quality metric, we are still doing quite well. According to Google Scholar, close to 10% of our papers are referenced 5 times or more and more than 60% of our papers are referenced at least once (excluding self-references).

We are very proud of our work and we believe that we are a top-notch journal and publishing with us will further your quality and career.

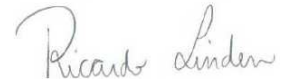
It is important to understand that our national QUALIS system is based on journal impact factors (a Thomson Reuters commercial product, which simply refuses small journals as ours), with no attempt to carry out an independent investigation on the actual review processes and editorial rigor used by the journal.

Therefore, we can say with great clarity that the B5 ranking in which we are included is insufficient and a consequence solely of the bureaucratic process by which Brazilian science is measured.

Had we accepted more papers in our journal, perhaps we would have improved our rating. Nevertheless, I said it once and I will repeat it as many times as necessary: we are not compromising our quality, no matter what comes. If we need to publish shorter issues, we will do so gladly, because we are an educational venue and will not compromise our ideals for a numbers game.

Hence, we take a vow here and now: scientific quality will always be our guiding star and we will not accept anything less than the best, no matter the scientific politics involved.

Let me repeat myself and close with the following hope: may the next decade be as fruitful as the one that just got over and may the force (of science) be with all of us.



Editor in chief