

Editorial

We have always stressed that the goal of this journal was to contribute to the development of Science (with a capital S) both in Brazil and in the world. For this, we believe that we must perform two main actions: to publish papers that follow a good scientific method and to provide to our prospective authors reviews that improve not only the paper at hand, but also their whole methodology, offering them insights on their mistakes or on topics that they might have overlooked.

This year, a new opportunity has arisen and we eagerly grabbed it: to publish the best papers from one of the Brazilian Computer Science Society (SBC, from their name in Portuguese) regional schools.

The Regional School at Goiás (ERI-GO) selected its twelve best papers, and instructed them to get in touch with us, after a negotiated submission protocol.

The authors improved and expanded their papers, offering us a new material that encompassed the one previously published at the Regional School, but was not restricted to it. Hence, they all satisfied our originality requirement.

We sent all papers to our reviewers. As agreed with the ERI-GO scientific boards, we would not diminish our quality requirements, nor would we speed up the process. The idea was to publish a special issue, but the main requirement up front was to keep the quality that has become our characteristic and that made us a well known journal, after these eleven years of hard work.

After the first round of revisions, three papers were already rejected. This does not mean that they do not contain good science, but that they need so much improvement that it would not be feasible for us to publish them. In spite of the bad outcome, the authors can be glad that they received constructive criticism and that in the future, their work will be better because of it.

The next nine were submitted to a second round of revisions and four of them were subsequently accepted. From the other five, only two were submitted to a third round of revisions and then considered as good enough for publishing.

As usual, all papers underwent another revision round, which we call "Editorial Review". I perform them personally and work as a readers' advocate, criticizing what is not clear enough and correcting Portuguese/English mistakes. This is also a stern process and papers tend to finish this step as a complete, thorough and utmost readable paper.

Given that our reviewers are very efficient and cooperative, we could perform this whole process, that included at least three rounds of reviews for each accepted paper in less than five months. Hence, we can say that we are as though as an A1 journal but without the long cycles and bureaucracy

In the end, the acceptance rate was 50%, which is a lot higher than our usual rate (which stands at close to 30%), but this can be easily explained by the fact that these papers were

selected as the best from a conference where all papers were also peer reviewed.

Hence, we can say with pride that through this partnership with ERI-GO we cooperated with an excellent institution such as the SBC and contributed to the personal improvement of many scientists and also to the development of the Brazilian landscape.

Hopefully, we will be able to do that many times more in the coming years.


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