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EDITORIAL NOTE

The *Brazilian Journal of Biology* receives a great number of papers submitted for publication. The reason for this is well-known by the Editorial Board: we have a rigorous evaluation policy; the journal has been published regularly now for more than ten years; we are an international publication; and finally, the impact factor of *BJB* is 0.688.

Due to the great deal of work that represents the larger number of papers submitted to *BJB*, we are increasing the number of members on the Editorial Board. The editorial policy is to invite qualified scientists from the areas of expertise of *BJB*, as well as to have a representation of the geographical distribution of specialists.

In 2013, two special issues of *BJB* will be published, which are already in preparation. And in this current issue, we have published 32 papers.

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