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EDITORIAL NOTE

A new issue of the AABC focused on Antarctic research

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Last year, the Annals of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences (AABC), the sole broad multidisciplinary journal edited in Brazil, published a special issue on Antarctic research (Simões et al. 2022). In total, there were 57 articles in different areas, ranging from the adaptation of researchers in camping activities during fieldwork (Martins et al. 2022), studies on the characteristics of Antarctic bacteria and their resistance to freezing (Moreira et al. 2022), to the dynamics of greenhouse gas emissions (Ferrari et al. 2022) and the consequences of global warming on iceberg melting rates (Barbat & Mata 2022). Additionally, articles on paleontology (e.g., Santos et al. 2022a) and legal issues regarding the protection of this region (e.g., Santos 2022b) were also presented.

The large number of submissions and the expressive variety of subjects presented in the manuscripts were surprising and showed that there is great interest on the part of researchers specialized in Antarctic studies in publishing their work. At the same time, as field activities in this and other regions around the world were very limited due to the pandemic caused by COVID-19, perhaps many researchers took advantage of the opportunity to finalize articles that were already being planned.

Due to this great interest, the AABC decided to publish a new edition on Antarctic Science this year. Once again there was a great demand for this publication and, as before, there are several articles addressing a large variety of topics. The AABC plans to have more publications about Antarctica in the near future.

I would like to take this opportunity and thank the editors for their effort and the excellent work they have done. Everyone who deals with editing scientific journals knows how increasingly difficult it is to obtain good articles nowadays and, above all, reviewers who dedicate their time freely to reviewing manuscripts, not to mention other problems resulting from the growing asymmetry involving scientific publications (e.g., Rocha 2021).

I am sure that, as with the previous issue, this one will also attract great interest and contribute to the study of one of the most inaccessible places on the planet (e.g., Kellner 2022).

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