

## Editorial

Dear readers,

The bibliometric indicators recently published by Thomson Reuters Scientific indicate that **Ciência e Tecnologia de Alimentos** Journal - indexed four years ago - is moving on the right direction, but it needs adjustments in order to keep on increasing its quality and credibility. The summary of the Journal's quality indicators (Table 1) shows that the 2010 impact factor remained about the same as the 2009 one. In addition, it presents a low auto-citation index, about 18% in average, over the past three years. On the other hand, it is important to remark that the percentage of articles written by authors from more than one country, which indicates international collaboration, presented a significant decrease in 2010, and also, in the ranking of the Brazilian journals of Agricultural and Biological Sciences, in the field of Food Science, the Journal, which occupied the first place in 2008, it is, nowadays, in fourth position. The complete data are available at <http://www.scimagojr.com> using the Journal's ISSN 1012061.

**Table 1.** Quality indicators of **Ciência e Tecnologia de Alimentos** Journal\*.

Indicators <b>Ciência e Tecnologia de Alimentos</b> Journal	Year			
	2007	2008	2009	2010
Total articles	163	185	110	208
Total citations (3 years)	18	98	216	191
Auto-citations (3 years)	8	19	23	46
Citation/article (3 years)	0.13	0.33	0.45	0.43
Citation/article (2 years)**	0.13	0.33	0.30	0.29
% International collaboration	15.95	12.97	13.64	3.85

\* Adapted from SCImago. (2007). SJR — SCImago Journal & Country Rank. Retrieved June 29, 2011, from <http://www.scimagojr.com>. \*\* Impact Factor (IF).

After taking over the control of the Journal, we have established a new editorial guideline, and the main changes were the expansion of the number of editors; the implementation of the manuscript pre-evaluation system; and the modification of the evaluation form, where the following criteria have been considered: 1) Is the title of the article adequate and does it represent the developed study? 2) Does the abstract adequately reflect the contents of the article? 3) Is the introduction scientifically based and is it pertinent to the performed work? 4) Are the objectives clearly and concisely defined? 5) Is the methodology adequate and does it include sufficient information to its clear understanding? 6) Are the experimental design and statistics enough to the correct data interpretation? 7) Are the results presented clearly and are they critically analyzed? 8) Are the conclusions coherent with the proposed objectives? 9) Does the work contain new and relevant information for a scientific article? We believe that the continuance of this editorial guideline will contribute, over time, to a higher uniformity and quality of the published articles - which it is essential for increasing the quality indicators of the Journal.

How can we, Brazilian researchers, referees and authors in the science and technology area, contribute to the success and actual internationalization of our Journal - which has been published for 30 years uninterruptedly? We can do so by destining high quality manuscripts to be revised and published in it. This is an important way of giving visibility to the quality Brazilian scientific production - through its indexed publication journal. We can also contribute by performing our role as judicious and timely referees. Our team has been tirelessly working in order to accelerate the assessment of 140 manuscripts which were already in process when we initiated the journal editorial, as well as of the new ones submitted after the re-opening of the site.

We, herein, take once again the opportunity to invite the scientific community to gather efforts aiming to improve the quality and credibility of **Ciência e Tecnologia de Alimentos** Journal, reassuring that we will always welcome any constructive criticism and suggestions aiming to improve our work.

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