

Editorial

We begin the 13th volume of *Neotropical Biology and Conservation* with good news for authors and readers, since our journal has started to publish an edition every three-months. This new frequency is a result of the increasing number of submissions in last years and is probably a result of our enhanced visibility in the Americas. In addition, the number of citations and cited articles in Scopus have increased. We would like to acknowledge all authors, who have contributed to the positive results obtained last year.

Neotropical Biology and Conservation published 31 articles in 2017, more than 60% of which were in English and 6% in Spanish. Twenty-two of the published articles were full research papers, 9 were published in the section “Scientific notes” and one was a review article. The 12th volume addressed aspects related to biological invasions, trophic ecology, taxonomy, morphology and biological diversity from researches performed in various American countries.

In 2017, articles were accepted for publication in an average period of six months after submission and our acceptance rate was around 40%. We would like to thank all reviewers, more than 140 researchers, who kindly spent their valuable time in the revision of manuscripts published or submitted to the journal last year.

The quality of a journal is usually measured by its citation impact, but we all know that its actual value is a result of the joint effort of authors, reviewers and editors. Thus, we continue relying on the scientific community to maintain a sustainable international growth in *Neotropical Biology and Conservation*.

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