

Editorial

The journal *Neotropical Biology and Conservation* published 23 articles in 2013, of which 70% were written in English. Thus, there has been a large increase in the number of articles submitted in English over the past years. Sixteen of the published articles were full research papers and 3 were review articles. The other 4 were published in the sections “Scientific notes” and “Comments”, respectively. We received submissions from research groups throughout Brazil; Northeast, South, Southeast and Center-West regions contributed manuscripts published as articles in the eighth volume of *Neotropical Biology and Conservation*. The ecology and conservation of ecosystems and diverse aspects of community ecology were addressed in 2013.

Last year we achieved the objective of reducing the mean time between submission and publication of the articles to 11 months. Usually, articles are published about 3 months after acceptance. We thus obtained the cooperation of authors and reviewers who made every effort to meet the deadlines established by the editor. We would like to thank all *ad hoc* reviewers, more than 90 researchers from Brazil, Argentina and Spain, who were involved in the revision of manuscripts in 2013. The collaboration of all of them is much appreciated.

The ninth volume of the journal begins by approaching the biological zoning of protected areas, the diversity of mammals, bats, fishes and freshwater ferns in different types of ecosystems throughout Brazil, as well as other ecological aspects of organisms or communities. We continue to pursue our objectives of enhancing the participation of the international community in submitting their scientific results to our journal, as well as in evaluating submitted manuscripts.

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