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“Ambiente & Água” scientific journal after five years of history

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ABSTRACT

The launching of this first issue of the sixth volume contains 12 inedited peer reviewed papers from 53 authors that originated from three continents, four different countries, 20 universities from which 16 are from several Brazilian federal universities, 3 from abroad, 1 Brazilian state and one municipal university. Other nine authors are from research institutions, among them three from abroad. We proudly state that this fifteenth edition has been published on time as it was the case of all previous issues. Most articles of this issue concentrate on environmental characterization of different ecosystems pollution control and mitigation. Two articles assessed the water quality of small river basins. Then there are two articles, one about fire occurrence and precipitation relationship and one about irrigation control to optimize water usage. This editorial points out new accomplishments and changes on publication policies.

Keywords: Ambi-Agua; environment; water resources; publication.

O periódico científico "Ambiente & Água" após cinco anos de história

RESUMO

O lançamento da primeira edição do sexto volume contém 12 artigos inéditos revisados por pares publicados por 53 autores de três continentes e quatro países diferentes, de 20 universidades das quais 16 são universidades federais brasileiras, três do exterior, uma estadual e outra municipal. Nove outros autores são de instituições de pesquisa, entre elas, três do exterior. Temos orgulho em afirmar que esta décima quinta edição foi publicada no dia previsto, sem atraso, como foi o caso de todas as edições anteriores. A maioria dos artigos desta edição se concentra na caracterização ambiental, controle e mitigação de poluição de diferentes ecossistemas. Dois artigos avaliaram a qualidade da água de pequenas bacias hidrográficas. Ainda há dois artigos, sendo um sobre ocorrência de incêndio relacionado com precipitação e outro apresenta equipamento para o controle de irrigação, visando otimizar o uso da água. Este editorial destaca realizações e mudanças nas políticas de publicação.

Palavras-chave: Ambi-Agua; recursos hídricos; publicação.

Revista científica "Ambiente e Água" después de cinco años de historia

RESUMEN

El lanzamiento de esta primera edición del sexto volumen contiene 12 artículos inéditos revisados por pares publicados por 53 autores que se originó a partir de tres continentes y cuatro países distintos, 20 universidades de las cuales 16 son de varias universidades federales de Brasil, 3 del extranjero, una estadual de Brasil y una universidad municipal. Otros nueve autores son de instituciones de investigación, entre ellos tres extranjeros. Estamos orgullosos de afirmar que esta decimoquinta edición ha sido publicada a tiempo, sin retraso como se pasó

con todas las ediciones anteriores. La mayoría de los artículos de esta edición se concentran en la caracterización ambiental, control y mitigación de contaminación de diferentes ecosistemas. Dos artículos evaluaron la calidad del agua de pequeñas cuencas. Hay más dos artículos, uno sobre la ocurrencia de incendios y su relación con la precipitación y otro sobre el control de riego para optimizar el uso del agua. Este editorial señala nuevos logros y cambios en las políticas de publicación.

Palabras-clave: Ambi-Agua; recursos hídricos; publicación.

PROCEDURES AND NEW ACCOMPLISHMENTS

As determined by the journal policy, the publication dates continue to be at April 30th for the first issue of each volume, August 30th for the second and December 31st for the third issue of each year. We continue to maintain the domain hosted in a highly reliable server that can be accessed at <http://www.ambi-agua.net>.

All published articles continue to receive a DOI[®] registration (IDF, 2006) that substantially enhances their visibility, authenticity, and accessibility. The journal continues to practice the golden open access policy without any charges for submission, publication, or for full text access. This increases substantially the visibility of articles and as a consequence their impact, eliminating any restriction to access the published content.

We continue our relationship to guarantee data preservation with Socol@r, Redalyc, and Sumários.org. The Institute for Environmental Research in Hydrographic Basins (IPABHi), responsible for the publication of Ambiente & Água journal, is a member of CrossRef, a DOI[®] registration agency. CrossRef has been very active in establishing agreements with several other data harvesting agencies that can continuously enhance the visibility of published articles. Recently, the following agencies are collecting metadata of member publications that greatly facilitates indexing, further increasing article's impact: Talis Education Limited (TEL); H.W. Wilson; The British Library; Patent Calls Inc.; KISTI; CNKI (China National Knowledge Infrastructure); Cambia; Microsoft's Academic Search; Copyright Clearance Center (CCC) – OCLC - School of Advanced Study at the University of London; Ex Libris Group; Matrixware Information Services; Symplectic Limited; Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL); EasyBib; and others. A list of indexing agencies which have Ambi-Agua registered can be seen at: http://www.ambi-agua.net/seer/files/indexadores_AA_Agosto_2010.pdf.

A differential feature of Ambi-Agua is that it continue to make available a complete copy of the entire issue at: <http://www.ambi-agua.net/seer/index.php/ambi-agua/information/librarians>. This allows any Library to download and print a hard copy for off line readers.

The journal impact based on freely available tools shows that Ambiente & Água has an H-Index (Hirsch, 2005) equal to 5. This compares favorably with several journals indexed at the SciELO basis. Further discussion on this subject can be seen in Dias and Batista (2010). Ambi-Agua is classified in nine CAPES thematic areas, clearly indicating its interdisciplinary scope and is classified as B3 in its main (Interdisciplinary) focal area (CAPES, 2010).

MAIN CHANGES AFTER FIVE YEARS OF LIFE

Up to now, all articles have been published in pdf format with text copy restricted by password. We will no longer impose this restriction to attend several users' requests. Hopefully, this might increase citation opportunities and article's impact.

Even though we will continue to publish in Portuguese, Spanish and English, the main interface language of the journal now is English. Thus, the editorials of each issue that has been published in these three languages, from now on will be published only in English as an indication that English is the main language adopted.

From now on, the DOI™ link will be added to all references listed that have a registered DOI. This is to comply with CrossRef linking out policy. We have access to the appropriate tool to find out if any reference in the citation list has a DOI. We have an invitation opened in the main page of the journal for qualified researchers to join our Peer Review Panel. We have now 1,197 registered users as either authors or peer reviewers or both.

FINAL REMARKS

Ambi-Agua continues striving to be recognized by SCOPUS (Elsevier), SciELO and ISI Web of Science. Thus, we are looking forward to receiving high quality paper submissions, especially in English to consolidate our goals.

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