



Ambiente e Água: a journal on the rise (doi:10.4136/ambi-agua.57)

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ABSTRACT

Ambiente e Água – An International Journal of Applied Science just published its eighth issue, completing the third number of its third volume with all issues published on time. The number of submissions increased significantly and as a result the number of published papers. Eleven articles were published in this issue. The geographic and institutional origin of authors also increased not only throughout Brazil, but also from abroad. First authors came from 28 different institutions in Brazil from all over the country and from 5 different institutions from abroad. The average number of weekly visitors increased from ~ 300 per week in 2007 to ~ 700 recently. The international interest in the journal is clearly evidenced by the number of countries and geographical coverage of readers. One significant improvement was the increased number of qualified peer reviewers registered for article's evaluation, as listed in this issue.

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OVERVIEW OF JOURNAL VISIBILITY

The Ambiente e Água Journal exercises the “golden open access” policy and search quality standard based on a large, highly qualified, peer review panel. The open access is powered by the OAI-PMH communication protocol as described in Batista (2007). Figure 1 shows in a weekly basis, the number of journal visits since we first started monitoring (September 10, 2007).

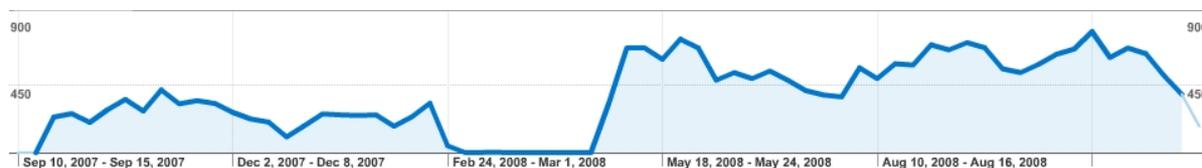


Figure 1. Number of journal's visitors per week since September 10, 2007 up to December 16, 2008. It increased from ~ 300 visitors per week in 2007 up to ~700 in 2008, with a peak of over 800 visitors in a single week. During this period there were 27,697 visits with 78,775 page views with an average time on site of 1:51 minutes.

To monitor reader's interest in the journal we started using a new tool from ClustrMapsTM (Figure 2; Table 1). Figure 2 shows where visits came from in approximately one week time frame.

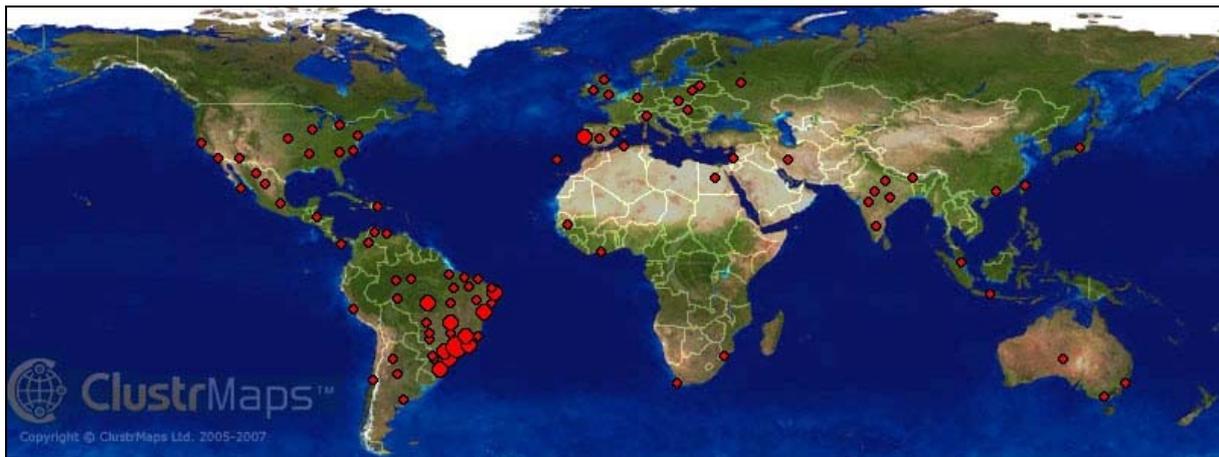


Figure 2. Location of visitors from December 8, 2008 to December 17, 2008. Dot sizes: ● = 100 - 999 ● = 10 - 99 ● = 1 - 9 visits from ClustrMaps™.

Table 1 shows the number of visits from countries that has accessed the journal in the same period shown in Figure 2.

Table 1. Frequency of access from countries where *Ambi-Água* has been accessed in the period from December 8, 2008 up to December 16, 2008.

	Country	Nº		Country	Nº
1	Brazil (BR)	392	22	Netherlands (NL)	1
2	United States (US)	26	23	Iran, Islamic Republic of (IR)	1
3	Portugal (PT)	24	24	Belgium (BE)	1
4	Spain (ES)	10	25	Algeria (DZ)	1
5	Venezuela (VE)	7	26	China (CN)	1
6	India (IN)	7	27	Singapore (SG)	1
7	Mexico (MX)	6	28	Malaysia (MY)	1
8	United Kingdom (GB)	6	29	Indonesia (ID)	1
9	Japan (JP)	5	30	Mozambique (MZ)	1
10	Australia (AU)	4	31	South Africa (ZA)	1
11	Italy (IT)	3	32	Chile (CL)	1
12	Canada (CA)	3	33	Cote D'Ivoire (CI)	1
13	Peru (PE)	3	34	Panama (PA)	1
14	Argentina (AR)	3	35	Taiwan (TW)	1
15	Germany (DE)	3	36	Egypt (EG)	1
16	Poland (PL)	2	37	Dominican Republic (DO)	1
17	Lebanon (LB)	1	38	Honduras (HN)	1
18	Hungary (HU)	1	39	Colombia (CO)	1
19	Lithuania (LT)	1	40	Senegal (SN)	1
20	Russian Federation (RU)	1	41	Israel (IL)	1
21	Ireland (IE)	1	42	Netherlands (NL)	1

Source: ClustrMaps™ (<http://www4.clustrmaps.com/counter/maps.php?url=http://www.agro.unitau.br/seer&category=free>).

Table 3 shows the regional origin of first authors. It can be noticed that *Ambi-Água* is raising interest of additional institutions since last reported by Batista (2007) from 18 institutions to 32 currently.

Table 3. Origin of first authors that already published in *Ambi-Água* (Volumes 1 (2006), 2 (2007) and 3 (2008)).

	State/County	Institution	Nº Articles
1	São Paulo/BR	UNITAU	12
2		INPE	9
6		IG/SMA	2
3		CSA/CTA	1
4		UNESP/FEG	1
5		UNESP/Sorocaba	1
7		UFSCarlos	1
8		UNICAMP	1
9		EESC-USP	1
10		ESALQ-USP	1
11		POLI-USP	1
12		FF-SMA	1
13	Minas Gerais/BR	UFUberlândia	2
14		UFV	2
15		UFLA	1
16		UFOP	1
17	Paraíba/BR	UFPB	3
18		UFCCGrande	2
19	S. Catarina/BR	UFSC	3
20	Paraná/BR	UFPR	2
21		F. Assis Gurgaz	1
22	Acre/BR	UFACre	2
23	Pará/BR	SIVAM	1
24		UFPA	1
25	Pernambuco/BR	UFPE	1
26	R. G. do Sul/BR	UFPelotas	1
27	R. de Janeiro/BR	PUC-RJ	1
28	Cuba	Centro de Investigaciones Pesqueras	1
29	MD/US	U. of Maryland	1
30	Imo/Nigéria	F. University of Tecnology (Owerri))	1
31	Chaco/Argentina	Univ. Nacional del Nordeste	1
32	Bangalore/India	College of Engineering	1

To increase the visibility of published articles, the journal is constantly looking for indexation of a scientific journal in several international directories (data harvesters; Table 2). In addition, the publication of articles in three optional languages (English, Portuguese and Spanish) and the presentation of an English version of all abstracts and keywords enlarge its impact.

Table 2. Directories that currently list the journal *Ambi-Água*.

	<p>OAIster : The University of Illinois OAI-PMH Data Provider Registry: http://gita.grainger.uiuc.edu/registry/details.asp?id=2190</p>
	<p>Open Journal Systems: http://www.openarchives.org/Register/ListFriends http://www.agro.unitau.br/seer/index.php/index/oai</p>
	<p>The Public Knowledge Project is a federally funded research initiative at the University of British Columbia and Simon Fraser University on the west coast of Canada. http://pkp.sfu.ca/harvester2/demo/index.php/browse/index/677</p>
	<p>http://livre.cnen.gov.br/ConsultaPorLetra.asp?Letra=A</p>
	<p>http://www.doaj.org/openurl?genre=journal&issn=1980993X</p>
	<p>http://www.latindex.unam.mx/revista.php?opcion=1</p>
	<p>http://dgb.unam.mx/periodica.html</p>
	<p>http://www.socolar.com/vn.aspx?id=6545</p>
	<p>http://redalyc.uaemex.mx/redalyc/src/inicio/HomRevRed.jsp?iCveEntRev=928 - "Indizada en la Red de Revistas Científicas de América Latina y El Caribe, España y Portugal (Redalyc: http://redalyc.uaemex.mx/)"</p>
  	<p>http://www.swets.com/</p>

Note: *Ambi-Água* is registered in the Open Archives Initiative. The OAI URL of *Ambi-Agua* is: <http://www.agro.unitau.br/seer/index.php/ambi-agua/oai?verb=Identify>. At any moment Service Providers based on the OAI-PMH protocol can automatically index *Ambi-Água* and as a result enhance the visibility of the published articles.

FINAL REMARKS

The Brazilian government agency, CAPES, responsible for the classification of journals concerned with accredited graduate degree courses normally would have already evaluated and classified *Ambi-Água* considering that it has published already three volumes and has several articles published by professors and students from the academic graduate system in Brazil. However, CAPES restructured its classification system and the committees related with *Ambi-Água* focus have not complete their evaluation in 2008. Therefore, we are waiting for the QUALIS CAPES classification.

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