

Editorial

Last September 15, 2017, the Colombian National Abstracting and Indexing System for Serial Publications in Science, Technology and Innovation, Publindex, published the results of the announcement No. 768 for 2016, “Announcement for Indexing of Specialized Colombian Scientific Journals – Publindex”, which measured the national scientific journals by enforcing the criterion of visibility and impact of national journals based on:

- The position of scientific journals in any of the four quartiles (Q1, Q2, Q3 and Q4) of the Journal Citation Report (JCR) of the Web of Science or the Scimago Journal & Country Rank (SJR) of Scopus.
- Grouping, H5 calculation, setting of threshold-2 and quartile identification (Google Scholar H5 calculation) by area of knowledge.

This can be seen in table 1 (page 7, Terms of Reference of Publindex 768 call), which describes impact criteria for each classification category for scientific journals.

Either way (Quartile in Scopus/Web of Science or H5 of Google Scholar), due to the recent indexation of our journal in Scopus and its H5 value, we were ranked in the C category. All those journals that were not indexed in the Scopus and Web of Science indices and which did not reach the threshold defined by H5 (citations in Google Scholar) by area of knowledge, were not recognized by Publindex.

As a result, of the more than 500 Colombian scientific journals that were recognized by Publindex until 2015, only 244 remain ranked by Colciencias; of these, one was ranked in the A1 category (this was the journal *Análisis Político*), and the great majority of the journals that were recognized by Publindex are now concentrated in categories B and C (table 2).

In this new model, the journal *Corpoica Ciencia y Tecnología Agropecuaria* was ranked in the C category.

In view of the above, it is important to bear in mind that the change from category A2 to category C, rather than representing a loss for the journal,

Table 1. Impact criteria to categorize scientific journals

Ranking Category	Ranking of the journal	
A1	Journal ranked in the first quartile (Q1): 25 % above JCR (SCI and SSCI) or SJR. A1	Q1 JCR or SJR
A2	Revista ranked in the second quartile (Q2): Between 50 % and 24,9 % above JCR (SCI and SSCI) or SJR.	Q2 JCR or SJR
B	Journal ranked in the third quartile (Q3): Between 25 % and 49,9 % above JCR (SCI and SSCI) or SJR. or Journal ranked in the first quartile of H5: 25 % above its main area of knowledge.	Q3 JCR or SJR or Q1 of H5
C	Journal ranked in the fourth quartile (Q4): Between 24,9 % or below JCR (SCI and SSCI) or SJR. or Journal ranked in the second quartile of H5: between 50 % and 74,9 %	Q4 JCR or SJR or Q2 of H5

should be seen as an achievement in the midst of a paradigm shift in the measurement of science seeking to align itself with global trends.

On the other hand, the scientific journals in the area of agricultural sciences that were recognized by Publindex in Colombia are the following:

Table 2. Scientific journals in agricultural scientific areas recognized by Publindex

Ranking category	Title	ISSN	Publishing institution	Indexing path
B	Revista Colombiana de Ciencias Pecuarias	0120-0690	Universidad de Antioquia - UdeA	Scopus Q3
B	Acta Biológica Colombiana	0120-548x	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Scopus Q3
B	Agronomía Colombiana	0120-9965	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Scopus Q3
B	Cuadernos de Desarrollo Rural	0122-1450	Pontificia Universidad Javeriana	Scopus Q3
B	Revista UDCA Actualidad & Divulgación Científica	0123-4226	Universidad de Ciencias Aplicadas y Ambientales - UDCA	Scholar Q1
B	Revista Facultad Nacional de Agronomía	0304-2847	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Scholar Q1
B	Revista Colombiana de Ciencias Hortícolas	2011-2173	Sociedad Colombiana de Ciencias Hortícolas, Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia, Universidad Francisco de Paula Santander	Scholar Q1
C	Revista Colombiana de Entomología	0120-0488	Sociedad Colombiana de Entomología - Socolen	Scopus Q4
C	Acta Agronómica	0120-2812	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Scopus Q4
C	Revista de la Facultad de Medicina Veterinaria y de Zootecnia	0120-2952	Universidad Nacional de Colombia	Scholar Q2
C	Orinoquia	0121-3709	Fundación Centro para la Investigación en Sistemas Sostenibles de Producción Agropecuaria - Cipav	Scholar Q2
C	Livestock Research for Rural Development	0121-3784	Fundación Centro para la Investigación en Sistemas Sostenibles de Producción Agropecuaria - Cipav	Scopus Q4
C	Revista MVZ Córdoba	0122-0268	Universidad de Córdoba - Unicor	Scopus Q4
C	Corpoica Ciencia y Tecnología Agropecuaria	0122-8706	Corporación Colombiana de Investigación Agropecuaria - Corpoica	Scopus Q4
C	Revista CES Medicina Veterinaria y Zootecnia	1900-9607	Universidad CES	Scholar Q2
C	Revista Luna Azul	1909-2474	Universidad de Caldas - Unicaldas	Scholar Q2
C	Revista de Investigación Agraria y Ambiental	2145-6097	Universidad Nacional Abierta y a Distancia - UNAD	Scholar Q2

The competition for advancement in this system of quartiles is highly unequal and represents a challenge that must be taken with care. For this reason, the editorial team of our journal will carry out, among others, the following actions:

1. Publication in English and in Spanish (to increase the English-speaking public of the journal). The cost of the translation will be assumed by the Editorial.
2. The publisher will cover publishing costs (partially or totally according to availability of budget) of the publication of articles of corporate authors that cite articles of our journal in Q1- and Q2-ranked Journals.
3. Publicize the journal in international events attended by researchers of the Corporation.
4. To venture in a new publication model in which the electronic version gains prominence by marking contents in a language suitable for the circulation of our contents in specialized and general databases.
5. Periodic follow-up to the journal's H5 index and deployment of strategies for its increase by contacting authors whose papers have been cited.

Another important aspect that we must implement as a result of the new Publindex policies established is the compliance of the exogamy criterion, in which the number of articles by external authors must be of 80%. In other words, the number of articles by corporate authors in the Journal cannot exceed 20 % annually).

At this moment, our Journal has already reached the percentage of endogamy allowed for the year 2018, so contributions from authors who work at Corpoica and that arrive from now on, can only be published until 2019, giving priority to those manuscripts that have the highest number of external authors and by order in which they are received.

Contributions from corporate authors are received only with a minimum external co-authoring of 50%. Articles that are solely written by corporate authors will not be accepted.

We appreciate your understanding and hope to have the collaboration of the entire corporate community in order to achieve the progressive ascent of our journal in Scopus and a prompt indexation of our journal in the Web of Science online database.

Sincerely,
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