

## EDITORIAL

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The institutional visibility and the spreading of knowledge by means of scientific publications has become a matter of great importance in today's scientific and academic world. For this reason, in terms of the journal's development, the present number of "*Acta Colombiana de Psicología*" has a highly significant value to all the people who have supported this editorial project of a scientific periodical about various updated research findings in both the discipline and profession. Regarding such an important achievement it is relevant to stand out the following aspects and historical moments:

1. At the end of December, 2006, COLCIENCIAS informed us that not only the indexation previously granted to the journal had been renovated, but that it had been upgraded to the A2 category of PUBLINDEX.

2. Also, during the present year, 2007, "*Acta Colombiana de Psicología*" has been nominated and included in various international index systems and databases, which given their importance and recognition, naturally expand in a considerable manner the publication's visibility and its international circulation. We are referring specifically to:

- REDALYC. Scientific Journals Network for Latin America and the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal.
- DIALNET. Database of articles from Spanish and Latin American journals.
- DOAJ. Directory of open Access journals from the University of Lund, Sweden.
- ULRICH'S. Ulrich's periodicals Directory, U.S.A.
- Walter E. Helmke library, U.S.A.
- IRESIE. Journal Index of Higher Education and Educational Research, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México.

The above indexes add up to other systems in which the journal was already included such as PSICODOC, CLASE, LATINDEX, BvS psi Colombia, SciELO, LILACS, portal of journals on health sciences and PUBLINDEX.

3. The inclusion in such well recognized international index systems and databases has, among others, the following advantages: (a) the electronic publication of the entire text and free access allows, as an important institutional outcome, better visibility to the Universidad Católica de Colombia, editor of the journal, not only in Latin Ame-

rica, but in the European Union and most part of the world; (b) allows the internationalization of knowledge, product of the most outstanding studies carried out by researchers and research groups from the Faculty of psychology, as well as the work of national and international guests who publish in the journal, and (c) there is a permanent space available and an exceptional opportunity for exchange and socialization of knowledge for those who publish, both at the national and international levels.

4. On the other hand, it is important to highlight, as an honor to the journal, the recent inclusion of some eminent and recognized researches such as Doctor Francisco J. Labrador, from the Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Doctor Ricardo Werner Sebastiani, from the Universidad de Sao Paulo in Brazil, and Doctor Eulalia María Chaves Maia, from the Universidad Federal do Rio Grande do Norte in Brazil, as new members of the Editorial committee. We welcome these distinguished professionals and thank them especially for having accepted our invitation to become permanent contributors to the journal.

5. It is important to stress the above developments of "*Acta Colombiana de Psicología*", not only because they are meaningful to the journal itself and to the Universidad Católica, but because its products and published research are guarantee of its scientific rigor. Therefore, this is a good opportunity to invite authors who have made contributions during the last few years, as well as researchers from other fields of psychology around the world to write to us and send us their articles.

Finally, the present number of "*Acta Colombiana de Psicología*" presents the readers with national articles from the following universities: Universidad Católica de Colombia, Universidad Tecnológica de Bolívar, Universidad de los Andes, Universidad de la Sabana, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Universidad Distrital Francisco José de Caldas, Universidad de Manizales y CINDE, and Pontificia Universidad Javeriana de Cali; and with international articles from the Universidad de Guadalajara, México, Universidad de Vigo, Spain, Universidad de Granada, Spain, and Universidad Católica de Costa Rica. Our gratitude to all the authors of articles.

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