

*REVISTA ACTA COLOMBIANA DE PSICOLOGÍA*

*GOALS ATTAINED BY ACTA COLOMBIANA DE PSICOLOGÍA*

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On the eleventh anniversary of uninterrupted publication of *Acta Colombiana de Psicología*, we can say that the main objective of this journal is spreading research results. According to the report given in the Editorial of Volume 11, Issue N° 1, the journal's main interest has been the permanent improvement in terms of the scientific quality of the products published there and the fulfillment of editorial standards required both by national and international indexation systems. This has allowed an increased visibility of the journal, as well as a significant ranking in both the national and international realm.

In relation to the national realm, we must underline one of the most significant and important acknowledgements, as the recent entry of *Acta Colombiana de Psicología* into one of the 9 journals of category A1 of the National Bibliographic Index- **PUBLINDEX**, a recognition obtained because of its high scientific quality and its inclusion in different worldwide indexation indexes.

With respect to the international field, it is important to mention in chronological order that once the Journal had been nominated and evaluated it was accepted and index-linked to the following indexes and databases: (a) **LATINDEX** - Online Information System for Scientific Journals in Latin America, the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal, (b) **PSICODOC** - Bibliographical Database in Psychology-, published by the Colegio Oficial de Psicólogos de Madrid ( Official College of Psychologists of Madrid) sponsored by UNESCO and created under the auspices of the International Union of Psychological Science, IUP-syS; (c) **CLASE**- Latin American Reference Database in Social Sciences and Humanities-, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México; (d) **LILACS** - Latin American and the Caribbean Literature in Health Sciences-, Brazil;(e) **DIALNET** - Database of articles published in Spanish and Latin American Journals- ; (f) **IRENIE**- Journal In-

dex of Higher Education and Educational Research, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México; (g) **SCIELO** - On line Electronic Scientific Library - Brasil, (h) **DOAJ** - Directory of Open Access Journals of the University of Lund, Sweden; (i) **ULRICH'S**- Ulrich's Periodicals Directory – USA; (j) **REDALYC** - Scientific Network of Journals in Latin America and the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal - México; and the most important international recognitions obtained in 2007 when the journal was admitted to **PsycINF** - Database from the American Psychological Association and in 2008, when the Journal was admitted to **SCOPUS**.

The above achievements have undoubtedly contributed in an important manner to attain a better **visibility** and accessibility for the world, of the scientific production of articles published in *Acta Colombiana de Psicología*, which will lead to the generation of Bibliometrical Indexes that may allow the identification of the Journal's impact in the scientific communities, not only quantitative but qualitative. In fact, one of these Bibliometrical indicators refers to the "impact factor" which is widely used to assess and compare the scientific production between countries.

Considering these facts, the challenges that we shall have to face in the near future are: (a) keeping *Acta Colombiana de Psicología* within these indexation systems, (b) preserving the high scientific quality of the articles published which has been one the most important priorities that have characterized our serial scientific publication, (c) widening the visibility by means of applying for the inclusion of the Journal in new Indexes and international databases which may allow for the evaluation of different bibliometric indicators, (d) inviting the world's scientific community to consult and quote the authors who have been publishing in the Journal, (e) widening the coverage

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by authors, (e) strengthening the refereeing process and (f) establishing international agreements for collaborative activities with Editors of national and international Journals.

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rial scientific publication and visible both nationally and internationally to become a reality.

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