

## EDITORIAL

The “Environmental Engineering: research and technology” journal finishes the year 2006 with the publication of its second issue. In the past three years, four issues have been published, totaling thirty-one scientific articles, two guest articles, four reports, and two reviews.

The articles address themes related to environmental policy and management, environmental impact evaluation, licensure, waste treatment, solid waste management, environmental engineering education, atmospheric pollution, water and soil quality, recuperation of degraded areas, and other current issues in the environmental field.

Participating authors included professionals from diverse teaching and research institutions in Brazil and elsewhere, such including: the University of the Azores (Portugal); University of Aveiro (Portugal); the Unites States Geological Survey (USGS); Federal University of Campina Grande (UFCG/PE); State University of Campinas (UNICAMP); Brazilian Company of Agriculture and Cattle Raising (EMBRAPA –Jaguariúna, São Paulo); Federal University of São Carlos (UFSCar–Araras campus, São Paulo); Secretary of Science, Techonology, and the Environment of the state of Pernambuco (SECTMA/PE); São Paulo State University (UNESP - Rio Claro campus); Center for Nuclear Energy in Agriculture of the University of São Paulo (USP - Piracicaba); Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC); Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ); Center for Research of the Mokiti Okada Foundation; Methodist University of Piracicaba (Unimep); the University of Fundação de Ensino Octávio Bastos (Unifeob); Centro Federal de Educação Tecnológica de Goiás (CEFET – GO); Federal University of Mato Grosso (UFMT); and the University of de Espírito Santo do Pinhal (Unipinhal).

The journal seeks its consolidation as the vehicle for regional scientific publications, although its national visibility continues to grow, as reflected in the diversity of institutions that seek to publish their studies, representing the predominant number of articles published in the present issue.

In this issue, the reader will find articles about environmental indicators of transgenic plants, a very controversial and current issue; biological control in sugar cane fermentation residues in the soil; environmental and worker safety; phytosanitary problems caused by climatic changes; inventory of volatile organic compound emissions in the petrochemical industry; and treatment of waste from the poultry and textile industries.

As a complement, the printed journal, even with only one issue published, received a grade of C in the Qualis evaluation by CAPES, demonstrating that the Editorial Board is on the right path as it strives to improve the publication.

The editors of the “Environmental Engineering: research and technology” journal have the pleasure of presenting another issue and acknowledging the technical and scientific environmental community for their participation and collaboration.

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