## **EDITORIAL**

The journal "Engenharia Ambiental: pesquisa e tecnologia" is publishing the largest number of articles in a single issue since it was founded in 2004. In this third and last issue of 2008, twenty five articles are published which permitted to arise an expressive mark of 103 published articles. The following Brazilian research and educational institutions participated in this journal: Federal University of Campina Grande (UFCG); Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC); Federal University of Ceará (UFC); Federal University of Pernambuco (UFPE); Federal University of Pará (UFPA); Federal University of Paraíba (UFPB); Federal University of Rio Grande do Norte (UFRN); Federal University of Mato Grosso (UFMT); State University of Campinas (UNICAMP); Paulista State University - Campus of Rio Claro (UNESP); State University of Paraíba (UEPB); State University of Oeste do Paraná (UNIOESTE); Technology Faculty of Indaiatuba (FATECID-SP); Empresa Brasileira de Pesquisa Agropecuária (EMBRAPA - PB); National Institute for Space Research (INPE); Federal Agrotechnical School of Crato (EAFC-CE); Federal Technology Education Center of Cuiabá (CEFET-MT); Federal Technology Education Center of João Pessoa (CEFET-PB); Municipal Faculty Professor Franco Montoro (FMPFM)-SP; Regional University Center of Espírito Santo do Pinhal (UNIPINHAL). The articles are related to the following themes:

- Environmental Technologies: including microorganisms (FARIAS et al., 2008), re-use of wastes (LACERDA et al, 2008; MORUZZI & SANTOS, 2008; MADEIROS et al., 2008; GUIMARÃES et al., 2008), biomarkers (GRANJEIRO et al., 2008), waste treatment (HUSSAR et al., 2008) e composting (FIORI et al., 2008).

- Environmental diagnoses: related to climate (SILVA, SOUSA, KAYANO et al., 2008), to degraded areas (MEDEIROS et al., 2008; SOUSA et al., 2008; MEDEIROS & MORAES, 2008; SILVA, SILVA, SOUSA, 2008, COSTA FILHO et al., 2008) and to water resources (RECH et al., 2008a, RECH et al., 2008b; FARIAS et al., 2008, MEDEIROS, LOPES, SANTOS, 2008).

- Environmental Planning and Management: the studied subjects included the planning and management of the water resources (BORGES & SILVA, 2008; SILVA, LIMA, SILVINO et al., 2008, ALENCAR et al., 2008, LOPES et al. 2008; MANCA & JANNUZZI, 2008) and industrial waste (SILVA, REIS, GIORDANO et al., 2008).

The articles published in this issue reinforce the mission of the journal "Engenharia Ambiental: pesquisa e tecnologia" as a vehicle for multidisciplinary themes in environmental engineering in the national context. We thank all the researchers and professionals who published their articles in this issue, and take the opportunity to invite, once again, the entire environmental community to use this periodical as an instrument to disseminate their work.

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