

NEW EDITOR OF THE INTERCIENCIA JOURNAL

Since November 2019, the Interciencia Association has been considering different options to keep operative the *Interciencia* journal. The journal has been able to maintain itself as an independent initiative, linked only in legal and formal aspects but not financially, to the association. The Interciencia Association does not have the financial means required to produce the journal. Nevertheless, since its initial years under the directorship of its founding editor, Dr. Marcel Roche, it has encountered ways to continue operating. At this moment, among the various options is included the designation of a new editor, while the combination of legal and economic obstacles is overcome, as they make it difficult and hinder the crystallization of the efforts undertaken in order to find partners for its production.

The Interciencia Association is pleased to announce to the scientific community, particularly to the researchers of Latin America and the Caribbean, that the Executive Committee of the association has decided to entrust Ana Raquel Picón as Editor of the *Interciencia* journal starting in July 2022, until a definitive solution is found to the problem of the journal production. In this position she will replace Dr. Miguel Laufer, to whom the Interciencia Association is indebted and who is sincerely thanked for his passion, constant dedication, and tireless work to promote the quality of the journal as an international multidisciplinary peer reviewed journal, published regularly and, thus, keeping its presence in important indexes.

An editor is essentially responsible for that which appears in the journal and should maintain the contents of a high quality journal and the rigorousness of reviewing. In order to be a good editor a unique combination of academic and labor background is needed. Ana Raquel Picón holds a MSc. in Analytical Chemistry from the Universidad Simón Bolívar, Venezuela. Prior to integrating the editorial staff of the journal, she worked at INTEVEP, Instituto de Tecnología Venezolana del Petróleo, a research and development subsidiary of Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PDVSA)

Since 2003 she has worked as Editorial Manager of the *Interciencia* journal, accumulating knowledge and experience about writing papers, structure, editing and style, and how to maintain reviewing quality. She is the point of reference between the author or authors, the reviewers, proofreaders, layout, etc.

With this appointment, the Interciencia Association expects of the journal a growing reputation and visibility as the most prominent international multidisciplinary journal of Latin America and the Caribbean. We aim to raise its profile within the community, assuring its status as a principal destination for scientific research; to maintain the quality of reviewing, as well as to improve the response time to authors and reduce the time papers remain in the system; to increase the quantity of high quality results that appear in the contents. We pretend to assure the Scientific Dialogue and the promotion of the scientific themes in the Americas.

On behalf of the Interciencia Association we sincerely thank Ana Raquel for having accepted this challenge, and all the editorial staff whose services to the journal make its continuity possible. At the same time, we also thank Miguel Laufer for his continuous assistance to the journal and the editor's transition. Víctor Manuel Iciarte Herrera remains in the staff as Administrative Manager. We expect to carry out an integral revision of the International Consulting Editorial Board and invite some new editors in the near future. The journal will continue to be published in digital format, with the contributions, from the institutions where authors belong or from their research funds, allowing to cover its production costs.

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