

REAFFIRMING MULTIDISCIPLINARITY: A RENEWED COMMITMENT FROM INTERCIENCIA

Since its foundation, *Interciencia* has upheld a guiding principle: promoting science in service of human development, within a context that recognizes the complexity of social, environmental, technological, and productive challenges in Latin America and the Caribbean. Its multidisciplinary character is not merely an editorial statement, but a conscious effort to open a space for the convergence of diverse bodies of knowledge—where science engages with its environment and with the multiple realities of our region.

Interciencia aims not only to disseminate rigorous scientific findings but also to encourage the integration of knowledge, overcoming artificial boundaries that often divide disciplines. This vision has enabled the journal to host work from a broad spectrum of fields: agronomy, biotechnology, environmental studies, energy, science sociology, science policy, marine and non-renewable resources, scientific education, and more.

In recent years, however, we have observed a noticeable concentration of submissions in particular areas, especially social sciences, science policy, and education. These trends reflect the current concerns of the regional scientific community and the need to critically examine the role of science in society. We deeply value these contributions, as they enrich our understanding of how science interacts with context.

Yet this pattern also challenges us to reaffirm the importance of maintaining and strengthening the thematic diversity that defines *Interciencia*. Multidisciplinarity is more than the coexistence of fields—it is the potential for their interaction, for generating new ways of approaching complex regional problems. Reducing this diversity risks producing partial views and limiting the integrated solutions we urgently need.

We therefore renew our commitment to multidisciplinarity as a foundational pillar of the journal. This entails welcoming original research from all scientific and technological domains listed in our editorial policy, including—but

not limited to—agronomy, food and nutrition, biotechnology, tropical forests, ecology, energy, natural resources, technology transfer, and marine and arid land studies.

We issue an open invitation to the Latin American and Caribbean scientific community to submit work that restores and revitalizes this diversity. We particularly encourage submissions from fields that have been underrepresented in recent volumes, with the assurance that *Interciencia* remains a plural space committed to excellence and regional relevance.

Multidisciplinarity not only enriches the journal—it enhances the social impact of scientific knowledge. The challenges we face—climate change, food insecurity, biodiversity loss, social inequality, energy transitions, and educational transformation—require integrated, collaborative responses. In this light, *Interciencia* continues to serve as a valuable platform for connecting perspectives and bridging fields.

We believe that this thematic openness also promotes greater institutional and geographical inclusion, allowing universities and research centers from across the region to share and amplify their work on equal terms.

Today, more than ever, we must renew *Interciencia's* foundational pact with Latin American and Caribbean science—with all its voices, frameworks, and urgencies. Our commitment to multidisciplinarity is a vital part of that mission, and we trust that its strengthening will contribute to building a more inclusive, connected, and transformative scientific community.

We invite you to join us in this endeavor by submitting manuscripts that reflect the diversity of knowledge, scientific rigor, and a shared commitment to sustainable, inclusive, and human-centered development.

ANA RAQUEL PICÓN ÁVILA
Editor (E)
INTERCIENCIA