

## Message from the Editor

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### Dear Colleagues and Collaborators

As members of the scientific community, we know that the potential impact of a manuscript directly correlates with the visibility of the Journal it is published in.

The diffusion of scientific information, restricted in the past to the purchase of a printed volume, has been irreversibly displaced to open access by electronic means. Aware of this, the publication policy of Revista Latinoamericana de Microbiología has evolved accordingly.

It is my pleasure to communicate that in the last years the electronic access to our publishers homepage (<http://www.medigraphic.com/rlm/index.htm>) has increased steadily; reaching in 2006 an unprecedented average of 330 daily consults from 112 different countries. Even further, the contents of Revista Latinoamericana de Microbiología are presently available through some of the most renowned abstracting and indexing services; such as Scholar Google, Latindex, Scopus, CAB Abstracts and Medline.

As I take the Editorial office, I would like to endorse the dual mission of the Revista Latinoamericana de Microbiología. On one side, our commitment to the rigorous and expedite publication of original research in all areas of microbiology at an international level. Secondly, we also consider essential to maintain our social role by communicating updated reviews in Spanish mainly targeted to undergraduate students.

Finally, we acknowledge the present level of the Revista Latinoamericana de Microbiología as product of the excellent direction of our former Editor, Dr. Esperanza Martínez, and the dedicated assistance of Julio Martínez.

Thank you for reading.