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# Message from the Editor 

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The number and quality of the submissions received by the editorial office of Revista Latinoamericana de Microbiología have grown steadily since I took office two years ago, resulting in only $28 \%$ of the received entries to be accepted after revision. Most of the published manuscripts came from Mexican research institutions, from other Latinoamerican countries (Brazil, Colombia and Argentina) and one from India. This distribution closely reflects the variety of the original submissions and also the area of influence. With approximately 500 downloads per day, Revista Latinoamericana de Microbiología is mainly visited by researchers located in Latin America and the United States, while $21 \%$ of them are from other countries.

The scientific impact of Revista Latinoamericana de Microbiología bases not only in the nationality of the research published but also in the diversity of the referees involved in the peer review process. In the last two years only $30 \%$ of the reviews were performed by Mexican peers while the rest was done by referees from 24 different countries (United States, Argentina, Spain, United Kingdom, Australia, Brazil, The Netherlands, Colombia, India, China, France, Poland, Germany, Austria, Burkina Faso, Italy, Switzerland, Greece, Israel, Iran, Taiwan, Sweden, Belgium, and Peru).

Revista Latinoamericana de Microbiología is proud to fulfill its original role at the regional level and is devoted to further development towards international standards in the next future. We are confident that this achievement will be met in due time and acknowledge in advance to all the participants of such a collective endeavor: authors, reviewers and readers.

