

## EDITORIAL *OECOLOGIA AUSTRALIS* 23(1) 2019

*Oecologia Australis* welcomes all readers of this journal with the first issue of 2019. In a year that begins full of environmental and political challenges for scientific research in Brazil, *Oecologia Australis* encourages the development and submission of ecological studies as well as the submission of opinion articles to stimulate the debate of current issues. In this scenario, the journal deals with funding cuts while maintaining the goals to disseminate and stimulate the Brazilian and Neotropical ecological researches at no cost to authors and readers. In 2018, besides the voluntary job of all editors, the total cost of publication of the four journal issues was almost R\$ 6,000.00, regarding layout of manuscripts and Crossref DOI costs. The financial support was granted by Programa de Pós-Graduação em Ecologia da Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro.

Four issues are scheduled for 2019. As usual, the first issue of the year compiles spontaneous submissions. The manuscripts that will be published in this issue are already available in the “Ahead of Print” section, the new section available in *Oecologia Australis* since the second half of 2018. This initiative was a result of current demands of the fast advance in science. In 2019 we will also launch two special issues: “*Survey, ecology and species management in Protected Areas*” and “*Ecology of Wetlands*”.

Currently the journal has a large and diverse editorial team. We count on Dr. Camila Barros as an Assistant Editor, responsible for evaluating overall quality of manuscripts and analyzes aiming to improve the quality of the manuscripts that are published in the journal. Also, we have 26 Associate Editors, from 18 different institutions all around Brazil, conducting the manuscripts revision process (<https://revistas.ufrj.br/index.php/oa/about/editorialTeam>). In 2019 we will have the graphical services of the Edições Athena. Finally, in 2019 we expect to have high-quality and committed participation of all authors, reviewers and editorial team, which is of paramount importance for the journal existence.

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