



MESSAGE TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY IN THE FIELD OF MARINE SCIENCES

The journal CERCETĂRI MARINE - RECHERCHES MARINES has published, since 1970, studies on issues related to oceanography, marine engineering, marine biology and marine living resources. Continuing the rich tradition of oceanology research, the 41 volumes published in as many years hosted the scientific articles and reports of a great array of researcher generations.

Given the increasingly pressing current needs of the scientific community access to bibliometric and bibliographic databases, we consider that it is time for our journal to undergo a series of transformations that provide scientists the opportunity to submit their scientific contributions to continuous quantitative analysis of productivity of the scientific publications and keep up with the trends and directions of development of the technical and scientific areas of interest.

In this context, we intend, starting with our next issue, to subject our journal to a review process for inclusion in the Thomson Reuters (ISI) database, aiming at implementing the basic standards for journals: frequency, the ability to issue timely, peer review, editorial content, international diversity, citation analysis.

It is obvious that the current fragmentation of marine research potential faces the drawback of the quantitative restriction of scientific production at the expense of maintaining high level quality indicators.

Therefore, we call for the scientific community interested in promoting the research results in marine and coastal sciences to participate with us in creating a common frame to exploit the scientific results through the formation of a consortium of institutions and the new Editorial Board, aimed at developing the new journal in line with current requirements.

It will be a complicated and lengthy process, but I am certain that together we will succeed!

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