

## **RAMB: New phase, new directions**

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In its constant challenges towards evolution and improvement, the RAMB is starting 2014 in a new phase, with innovations, seeking to strengthen and consolidate itself as one of the most important national scientific journals.

Members, subscribers and authors that received the first edition of the year were already able to note the difference in the layout caused by the replacement of Elsevier by Manole Publisher, a reference for over 40 years in the book publishing market in different areas, and which will now be responsible for producing, reviewing and printing the journal.

Other news is that the RAMB is returning to its original website for the submission of scientific articles ([www.ramb.org.br](http://www.ramb.org.br)). Previously hosted on an Elsevier platform, from this year on it will be part of the SGP – Sistema de Gestão de Publicações (Publication Management System) that provides complete monitoring of articles during the evaluation process. Like the previous platform, the process speeds up the procedure – from submission to approval or rejection of the article – providing precious time savings due to its valuable control tools, as well as counting of deadlines, productivity reports, registration of messages, comments and the history of each article. This system, which includes all of the necessary and mandatory phases for the evaluation of a scientific article submitted to the journal, involves the entire editorial team, organizing the information and serving as the basis for the final decision on whether to publish it or not.

We can guarantee, with complete certainty, that this improvement, as well as its bimonthly frequency since 2005 – demanded by necessity, given the large number of works received and the enormous amount of accesses to the journal's website – has given the RAMB an extraordinary leap in the stratification of the CAPES criteria, being the CAPES the agency that regulates Brazilian post-graduate studies.

The journal's inclusion in new indexes such as Scopus, the Science Citation Index Expanded (SCIE), the Web of Science, the Institute for Scientific Information (ISI), and the Index Copernicus should also be credited to this painstaking effort. Previously, the RAMB – published continuously since 1954 – was already indexed by renowned and important scientific indexes such as Scielo, Lilacs and Medline.

Our printed edition publishes articles in Portuguese, English or Spanish, and the full content of the complete text in English is presented simultaneously online on the internet. The online edition of the RAMB is free and is always available at [www.ramb.org.br](http://www.ramb.org.br), after going to print.

A large part of these innovations and, consequently, the success achieved by the journal in recent years should be credited to the careful work of Prof. Dr. Bruno Caramelli, who for 8 years – since 2006 – has worked as the editor-in-chief. The inclusion of the RAMB among the most renowned and respected national and international indexing services, especially the ISI Web of Science (Science Citation

Index Expanded) is owed to his firm performance, adapting the journal to the most rigid selection criteria in order to guarantee better quality in the articles submitted. We would like to take this opportunity to public express our sincere thanks for the work undertaken by Prof. Dr. Bruno Caramelli.

From 2014 on, changes have been made to our journal. In addition to the editor-in-chief, the editorial board can now count on two co-editors and one administrative co-editor. Furthermore, the new editorial board is working on expanding the number of invited reviewers, aiming at greater agility in the evaluation of articles and a consequent reduction in the response time of the evaluation process for articles submitted to our journal. Likewise, RAMB has been undertaking a careful analysis of the works submitted with the intention of detecting possible self-citation and/or stacking.

Finally, and as always, we are constantly searching for quality and preservation of ethical aspects. In our area especially, this process is imperative, and the tools for reaching these objectives must be constantly improved. That's what we are working on in this new phase: assuring that the RAMB is among the best scientific journals produced in Brazil.

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