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**EDITORIAL NOTE**

The Brazilian Journal of Biology is completing this year sixty years of continuous publication. While this is an achievement, the International Institute of Ecology which is, now, the only organization in charge of the publication, is seeking new ways of maintaining it independently of some financial sources of funding. For that it is proposed to create an Association of the Brazilian Journal of Biology which would support financially the journal. Fifty people responded positively and many more agreed to participate in this Association.

The IIE is in the final stage of preparation of the statutes of this Association.

The Brazilian Journal of Biology is now included in the Scielo's FAPESP system, and in contact with ISI (Institute for Scientific Information), the Editorial Board was informed that the Journal is being considered for application to that system. What is necessary is a continuous publication in English, of very good scientific quality.

A special number, "Biogeochemical cycles in neotropical ecosystems", is now in preparation and every effort is being made to finish this publication until June 2001, with printing in July 2001.

The Editorial Board is working to achieve maximum efficiency and quality; for that it is necessary a quick response from advisors of papers and notes, and we are sure that this standard will be met very soon.

*Editorial Board*

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## **Aims and Scope**

The Brazilian Journal of Biology is a scientific journal which is devoted to the publication of original scientific contributions, review papers, notes in the area Biological Sciences, namely General Biology, Limnology, Aquatic Biology, Botany, Zoology, Genetics, Ecology. The Journal also publishes book reviews and comments.

The Journal publishes four numbers a year (February, May, August and November). The editorial policy of the Brazilian Journal of Biology is to publish papers only in english with an abstract in portuguese.

Original papers, review articles, notes and comments should be send to the Editor-in-chief and should comply with the instructions for authors. Papers not in accordance with the instructions will be sent back to the authors for reformulation. The papers will be submitted to advisors, specialists that will analyse originality, scientific equality and contribution. Originals submitted to the Journal and not accepted will not be returned to authors.

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