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This 46th issue of *Materials Research* contains 22 original articles, and about 100 are under review.

Figure 1 shows the number of authors of *Mat. Res.* papers working at Brazilian institutions and in other countries from 2005 to 2010. Its outstanding feature is that the percentage of foreign authors has always been small - fluctuated between 1-10% - but a very substantial increase was recently observed in the number of foreign authors, i.e. about 45% of the authors of the 2009 papers are foreign! As to the origin of these authors, they work in 30 different countries, lead by India, Argentina, USA and Mexico, in this order. It is still too early to confirm or not this tendency for the future (the 2010 data refer to the present issue), but this “phase transformation” was clearly nucleated by the recent indexation of *Mat. Res.* in the ISI database. These data indicate that *Mat. Res.* has now reached a significant level of international exposure. We thus expect that its impact factor will steadily increase in the next few years.

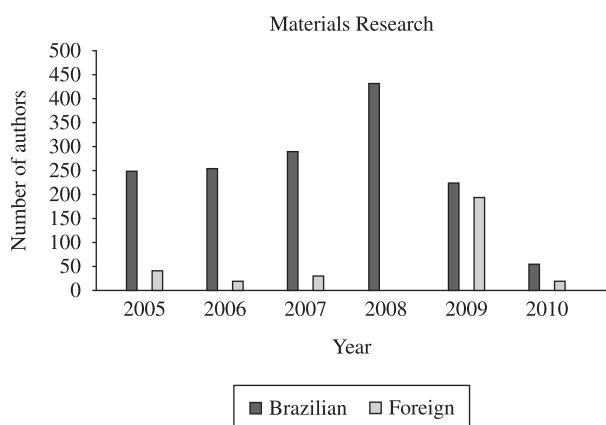


Figure 1. Number of Brazilian and foreign authors of *Mat. Res.* papers. The data for 2010 refer to the present issue.

Present statistics indicate that about 60% of the articles submitted to *Mat. Res.* are accepted (after minor or major corrections) and published. The time from submission to publication varies from 2 to 12 months, whereas the time for rejection varies from 1 to 6 months; the rate limiting factor being the review process. We take this opportunity to cordially ask our authors and readers - potential reviewers - to respond swiftly to our demands.

From the rationale of the above paragraphs, it is clear that our present main goals are: to minimize the time of the review process and to further increase the international exposure of *Materials Research*, both aiming to increase its impact factor.

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