



## Editorial



We're pleased to begin this editorial with a piece of good news. After a detailed assessment of the quality of Spanish journals conducted by FECYT (Fundación Española de la Ciencia y la Tecnología), whose mission is to guarantee editorial and scientific quality, the foundation has awarded *Materiales de Construcción* its **certificate of excellence**. With this award comes a **seal of scientific and editorial quality**, valid for 3 years. In this fourth edition of the programme, only 28% of the journals assessed were granted the certificate and seal. The attached photo of the awards ceremony held on 6 October 2014 shows FECYT's Information Management Department Director, Cristina González Copiero, handing the certificate to the Editor-in-Chief of *Materiales de Construcción*.

Last August, Journal Citation Reports (JCR) released the 2013 impact factors (I.F.) for its Web of Science. Our journal's new I.F. (valid for 2 years) is **0.734**, practically the same as the value obtained in 2012 (I.F.=0.788). That score ranks *Materiales de Construcción* 32<sup>nd</sup> of the 58 journals

listed in the subject area Construction and Building Technology (the upper end of the third quartile, Q3) and 185<sup>th</sup> of the 251 in the group Materials Science, Multidisciplinary. With a 5-year impact factor of **0.870**, ours is a second quartile journal in Construction and Building Technology, ranking 27<sup>th</sup> of a total of 58. In 2013, *Materiales* was cited on 325 occasions.

The journal's (SCOPUS-Elsevier) SCImago factor or SJR (Scimago Journal Rank) indicator for 2013, in turn, was **0.595**. With that score, *Materiales de Construcción* was the leading Spanish journal (with Q2 status) in the following three categories: Building and Construction, where it ranked 48<sup>th</sup> of 236 journals, Materials Science, Miscellaneous, 152<sup>nd</sup> of 529 journals and Mechanics of Materials, 114<sup>th</sup> of 359 journals.

These WoS and SCImago scores stand as proof of the journal's national and international prestige. Beginning in 2014, the articles published in *Materiales de Construcción* appear in the English language only. The Editorial Board and management believe this policy, which will have to be analysed in the years to come will have a beneficial effect on the journal's internationalisation. A further indication of internationalisation lies in the origin of its articles: over 58% of the manuscripts received in 2014 to date were authored by American, Asian or (non-Spanish) European scientists. One of our priority mid-term objectives is to continue to foster this trend, while maintaining the journal's status as a national benchmark and indispensable vehicle for conveying the latest scientific and technical advances made in the field of construction materials by researchers across the country.

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