

## Editorial

Dear colleagues:

Early this summer the Web of Science (WoS) published its Journal Citation Reports (JCR<sup>®</sup>) for 2014. The impact factor (IF) for *Materiales de Construcción* now stands at **0.961**, up from 0.734 in 2013. The table below gives the journal's JCR<sup>®</sup> details for 2014.

Of the 387 citations of articles published in *Materiales de Construcción*, 74 were published in 2012 and 2013 (the basis for calculating the IF). Moreover, only 15% of the total 387 and 28% of the most recent 74 cites were self-citations.

The 5-year impact factor (for 2009–2013) was 0.909, while the immediacy index, a measure of the articles cited in the year of publication (three in 2014), was 0.079.

The journal is classified under “Construction and building technology”, where as 26<sup>th</sup> of the 59 periodicals in that category, it is ranked in the second quartile. This constitutes an important landmark because journal quality is measured nationally and internationally in terms of the position it holds (by quartile) in its respective category. Our journal is also listed under the (more multidisciplinary) category “Materials science, multidisciplinary”, where it ranks 183<sup>rd</sup> of a total of 259 journals (for a Q3 listing).

In a nutshell, these very favourable JCR<sup>®</sup> data for 2014 place our journal in a prominent and highly competitive position relative to other scientific periodicals of repute in our area of research and technology.

No consensus has yet been reached on the indicators that afford the most precise and objective

criteria for assessing a scientific journal's quality and influence. Perhaps one of the most suitable (although it has its critics) is the number of citations and their source. Further to the WoS data, the 626 articles published in *Materiales de Construcción* from 1996 to 2015 and listed on the platform have been cited 1 872 times (with 1 478 non-self-citations, for a self-citation rate of just 21%). Moreover, of the 1 331 articles that according to the platform cited papers published in our journal, 1 139 were published in periodicals other than *Materiales de Construcción*: i.e., only 14% of the articles cited in the 20-year period in question were cited in the journal itself. In addition to this low percentage of self-citations, the WoS data show that the journals citing articles published in *Materiales de Construcción* are among the most influential in the area of construction materials.

Lastly, our own data show that the journal is consolidating its international renown, for 60% of the articles submitted in 2014 were received from non-Spanish authors, institutions or universities.

Our sincere thanks go to our authors, readers, reviewers, members of the editorial and advisory board and the entire editorial team for the huge effort deployed despite the difficulties faced in recent years. Our ongoing commitment is to continue to work toward improving the journal's indicators and furthering its internationalisation in broader scientific realms.

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Abbreviated Journal Title (linked to journal information)	ISSN	JCR Data					Eigenfactor <sup>®</sup> Metrics		
		Total Cites	Impact Factor	5-Year Impact Factor	Immediacy Index	Cited Articles	Cited Half-life	Eigenfactor <sup>®</sup> Score	Article Influence <sup>®</sup> Score
MATER CONSTRUCC	0465-2746	387	0.961	0.909	0.079	38	6.7	0.00088	0.295