

EDITORIAL

SABER, CIENCIA Y LIBERTAD AND THE INTERNATIONAL VISIBILITY OF SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

The Colombian scientific journals are evaluated according to the Publindex National Bibliographical Index, which represents a process of continuous changes, with the intention of consolidating the quality of national scientific serial publications (Escobar & Angulo, 2015). In this process, there have been differences between the national parameters and the international requirements established by the bibliographic databases (Rodríguez-Morales, 2014). Somehow, these differences have determined the low levels of international visibility of Colombian scientific journals, despite their better position in the national ranking and the growing number of indexed journals in the nation (Publindex, 2013).

The international visibility of scientific publications corresponds exclusively to editorial management and the quality of its editorial teams (Escobar & Angulo, 2015), which must guarantee editorial quality, stability of the serial publication, and international visibility in scientific networks (Escobar & Mercado, 2014).

Considering the situation in the Colombian Caribbean, the international visibility of scientific journals is limited, because editorial efforts have focused on meeting the national parameters established by Publindex (Romero, 2013).

At present, and from an international perspective, the requirements are centered on the inclusion in Databases or Indexes, among which are the Bibliographic Indexes of Citations (IBC), Bibliographic Indexes (IB) and Bibliographic Bases with Selection Committee (BBCS), as established by the Indexing Service of the Abstracting and Indexing Systems (Villegas, 2013). In this sense, the magazine *Saber, Ciencia y Libertad* guides its efforts to increase its international visibility. On the one hand, improving the editorial processes through the implementation of the management platform Open Journal Systems, and on the other hand, by including the publication in several recognized databases.

In addition to the fact that *Saber, Ciencia y Libertad* has been consistently recognized within the Colombian indexing system, Publindex, in category B in recent years, it is now part of the Colombian scientific journals included in bibliographic bases with selection committee (BBCS) as being EBSCOhost. On the other hand, there is also an Ibero-American presence with inclusion in Dialnet, which represents an important advance since it is one of the main bibliographic portals of the Hispanic scientific literature.

Therefore, the work of the editorial team shows important efforts to ensure international visibility, thus contributing to the reduction of the existing gaps with the most advanced regions, both nationally and internationally. It is clear that the journal *Saber, Ciencia y Libertad* has moved beyond a local and regional positioning towards a more global and international one.

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