

New times for *Trabajos de Prehistoria* (2010 - 2013)*

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1 The Editorial Team of journals published by CSIC are renewed on a 4-year cycle. Formally in June, 2010, we began a new stage of *Trabajos de Prehistoria*, even though the new team actually represents a continuation of the editorial line and policy that has brought our journal international recognition and appreciation, as evidenced by its inclusion in 2008 in the databases of ISI's Web of Science (Thomson-Reuters), A&HCI and SSCI (Vicent 2008) and, in 2009, SCOPUS (an Elsevier database since 2003), with excellent early impact factors (2008-2009).

2 One of our priorities is to maintain this position, with no change to the editorial policy of *Trabajos de Prehistoria*, which will continue to be centered on the publication --in Spanish, French or English-- of topics related to the prehistory and proto-history of the Iberian Peninsula and its geographic surroundings, as well as to archeological theory and methodology. What is especially important is to maintain the international standards of quality and, above all, the scrupulous practice of peer-review. We believe that to opt for more general subject matter would threaten the journal's position as a reference within and beyond the Iberian Peninsula in its subject coverage as cited above.

3 The standards require the renewal of the Boards' membership. Nonetheless, the stability of the editorial team allows us to plan a mid-term strategy for the journal. Our efforts will continue along the same line, while adapting to the new possibilities that electronic resources offer the publishing world for improving the dissemination of research.

4 One of the pending challenges is precisely the adoption of a more efficient management system that will also handle communications with authors and evaluators. The choice of the open source software, *Open Journal System*, will eliminate the need to send paper-based original texts and printers' proofs. We will adjust the norms for the presentation of original manuscripts to the new mechanisms, as well as update the system for bibliographic citations. In the Author Guidelines section of our web page, we will provide a detailed style sheet for resolving doubts about the formal presentation, standard maps and models for submitted illustrations.

5 We will seek to increase the visibility of *Trabajos de Prehistoria*. This year the team responsible for electronic publishing of CSIC journals has expanded the historical archive of articles available in open access, incorporating volumes 55 to 59 (1998 to 2002). For our part, we will suppress the embargo for consulting the journal on line,

starting with issue 67 (20) 2010, thereby facilitating access without restrictions to the full content.

6 Another new feature is the publication of monographic issues, as agreed by the Assistant Editors, following the criteria of other journals of impact. They will be managed and evaluated according to the same procedures used for regular issues. As such, the second number of 2010 will be focused on arqueometallurgy during the Bronze Age in Europe. It will include some of the papers presented at *Archaeometallurgy: Technological, Economic and Social Perspectives in Late Prehistoric Europe*, TESME, a congress held in Madrid (CCHS-CSIC), 27-29 November 2009, on the occasion of the retirement of Salvador Rovira Llorens.

7 We want to maintain the quality of the originals that are published. For this reason, a double-blind procedure for external review is being introduced, with the names of authors and reviewers, as well as their institutions, to be maintained in secret.

8 The work performed by the peer reviewers is vital for improving the written and visual presentation of the articles. Currently, since it is possible to publish any information on the Web, it is all the more important to be able to rely on the criteria of experts to guarantee scholarly content for readers. The journal is indebted to those colleagues whose altruistic collaboration has allowed *Trabajos de Prehistoria* to attain its current position.

9 In this new phase we are also initiating a procedure for style revision of submitted texts to be assumed by the authors themselves. We hope that this effort will achieve a more direct style that will be of benefit to both readers and authors alike, by aiming for greater explanatory clarity and syntactic simplicity. As Quevedo once said, "Word are like coins, in that one can be worth many, just as many are not worth one." ("*Las palabras son como monedas, que una vale por muchas, como muchas no valen por una*")

10 Finally, we would like to express our gratitude to the Publishing Support Unit for CCHS journals and to the Publications Department of CSIC, especially to Ramón B. Rodríguez, responsible for Electronic Publishing, for the assistance and advice provided for updating the journal.

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