

EDITORIAL

The Spanish Journal of Psychology emerges institutionally at the Psychology Faculty of the Complutense University of Madrid, with the clear aim of promoting the international diffusion of psychology research carried out in Spain, and, by extension, in the other Spanish-speaking countries. This is the first reason for choosing the English language. The journal will be open to any psychology researcher from Spain, from Spanish-speaking countries, as well as any co-researchers from any country. So far, the initiative of publishing such a journal has been very well-received, both in Spain and abroad.

A second reason for developing a journal in English was that the number of psychology journals in Spanish is considerable: at present, over thirty, although the international impact of this extensive scientific production is unfortunately rather low, judging from the citations of these publications. Perhaps this situation would change, at least partially, if foreign colleagues could read these articles in the most international language: English.

The third reason refers to the maturity of Spanish psychology. There are many researchers, many collaborations, and many studies that appear in foreign journals, some with considerable impact. This journal is presented as an outlet for all papers that meet the basic international requisites of thoroughness and that can be considered a worthwhile contribution to the international scientific community.

Therefore, we encourage authors to follow the rules of the APA scrupulously, and we require national and foreign referees to be objective in their evaluations. The Editorial Committee, on the other hand, will take all the necessary steps to ensure that the journal can be included in the most important data bases of international psychology.

This journal will accept empirical studies and methodological advances from any of the various psychology areas, with the exception of theoretical reviews. These contributions will make up the first block of contents of each number. A second block will consist of just one article aimed at presenting one of the more outstanding research trends of Spanish psychology. Thus, for the current number, the Editorial Committee has invited a Spanish research group, which has made many international contributions, one of whose last studies - of great significance currently - has recently been published in the prestigious journal *Science*.

The Editorial Committee and the Editor would like to thank all the members from various countries that make up the group of Consulting Editors (who are actively involved in selecting the articles), and all the *ad hoc* referees who have made it possible for this journal to come into being. The names of the latter will appear every two years. The Editorial Committee and the Editor are also very grateful for the trust that the academic authorities of the Psychology Faculty have expressed at all times. — Juan Fernández, *Editor*.