

Informe de la Directora de *Atlantis*

Report from the General Editor of *Atlantis*

As I explained in my report at the XXXI AEDEAN Congress held in A Coruña in November 2007, the greatest concern of the Editorial team at this time is to meet as far as is in our power the requirements and criteria that will enable *Atlantis* to be included in the European Reference Index for the Humanities (ERIH).

This involved in turn, as a first step, meeting the criteria established by the CINDOC-CSIC. Without this official support, a proposal in favour of *Atlantis* would not be forwarded to the European panels that carry out the screening of journals.

It gives me great satisfaction to be able to tell you now that this first step has been accomplished. *Atlantis* has been evaluated positively by the ANECA (Agencia Nacional de Evaluación de la Calidad y Acreditación). The journal is included in the LATINDEX with the full 33 criteria fulfilled, and is indexed in the DICE database (Difusión y Calidad Editorial de las Revistas Españolas de Humanidades y Ciencias Sociales y Jurídicas). This recognition is of great interest to our authors and reviewers who publish in *Atlantis*, as it enables them to mention the presence of *Atlantis* in these databases when they present their publications for evaluation.

The inclusion of *Atlantis* was carried out on January 15, 2008. To see the placing of *Atlantis*, keyboard DICE and follow the instructions or go to <<http://dice.cindoc.csic.es>>. Various sections can be visited, some of which are not yet fully actualised as regards the above date and the number of criteria fulfilled.

It is also good to know that many of the international databases listed on the back cover of *Atlantis* are sending me confirmation that in fact they continue to cover the contents of *Atlantis* and are at present working on the 29.2 edition of December 2007.

The Editorial team has made great efforts during recent months to meet the required and mainly formal criteria established by the CINDOC. Naturally, some of the most basic criteria had already been met (ISSN, logo, keeping to the publishing schedule, a table of contents, Abstracts and key words for each article, presence in databases, mention of the system of evaluation, institutional openness as regards submissions from

different institutions, an editorial board comprising specialists from different universities, originality of contributions, disallowance of concurrence, etc.).

Other criteria, however, were either not met or were not specified in the journal itself, but in the Formal Guidelines on-line at the *Atlantis* website. These formal criteria have now to be visible in the hard copy version of the journal, as you will see if you examine the December 2007 issue, in particular, the introductory and final pages. Insertions include a very brief version of the Guidelines, headed as 'Instructions to Contributors', summaries and key words in Spanish; addresses of contributors, bibliographical headers and footers on each page, as advised, dates of reception and acceptance, etc.

The Editorial team would like to enlist the collaboration of our Spanish contributors as regards the image of *Atlantis* we present to our international readership. We would ask you to send us your contributions in English, even for reviews whenever possible (articles are now being submitted habitually in English). The reasons for this are not hard to find:

Atlantis has to be found attractively accessible and easy to read by readers from many different countries and cultures. In fact, some of our referees who do not handle Spanish have expressed disappointment when not being able to read certain reviews written in Spanish; conversely, they have congratulated us on publishing reviews in English of Spanish titles that they wished to know more about.

Having as we do an Editorial Board of specialists from many parts of the world, it is clearly advantageous to our contributors to benefit from the expert comments and advice of potentially all of these specialists, both from Spain and abroad. Each submission deserves to be read by at least one or two foreign specialists, depending on the nature and content of the piece.

The Editorial team look forward to receiving your high quality work.

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