This is an auspicious occasion for our journal, as we complete six published issues. We enter into the global arena with a momentous event: the inclusion in ScienceDirect, the Elsevier platform. This is also an important addition, since Elsevier is the premier journal publisher and listing in its site will undoubtedly increase significantly the reach and penetration of the articles. ScienceDirect is a leading full-text scientific database offering journal articles and book chapters from more than 2500 peer-reviewed journals and more than 11,000 books.

This advance comes as the result of the concentrated effort by Elsevier and the Brazilian Metallurgical, Materials and Mining Association (ABM) staff and by the editors to reach out to the global community. Indeed, our Board of Advisors has 16 leading global researchers as members. Many of them have outstanding h factors, ranging all the way up to 95. Until now, the Journal of Materials Research and Technology (JMRT) published 72 articles by researchers from 21 countries (Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, China, France, Germany, India, Iran, Iraq, Japan, Jordan, Nigeria, Poland, Portugal, Russia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Thailand, United Kingdom, and USA). Approximately 40% of authors are international and the number of published papers in 2013 is expected to double that of 2012. Indeed, the first three numbers of 2013 (one more number planned) contain 42 articles, versus 30 in 2012. We foresee a continued flow of articles from institutions throughout the globe.

Our next goal is to obtain approval by The Institute of Scientific Information for inclusion in Web of Science. This platform lists contributions from selected journals that match the strict requirements of ISI. From there, essential information such as author h index, Journal Impact Factor and other bibliometric parameters are periodically updated. Importantly, researchers worldwide have access to the essential information on articles published in JMRT by searching by topic or author. Universities and national institutions are recognizing publications in JMRT as legitimate, counting in important statistics that determine the advancement of authors.

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