

## EDITORIAL

In the contemporary tonic for strengthening the Brazilian geography, going through the process of expanding the graduate studies on a national scale, it becomes common the investment of the mentioned programs in creating scientific journals aimed at the diffusion of the knowledge produced. Such trend points to the weakening of the vehicles related to the departments dynamics and which historical density is unquestionable, especially when we refer to the University de São Paulo, one of the most traditional Brazilian Geography courses and responsible for the formation of a large number of the staff that compose the department teams of the Geography courses. The Geography Department Journal [Revista do Departamento de Geografia], with its thirty years of existence, particularly suffered with this new mentality, finding difficulties in its diffusing, to the point of suspending it in several moments. A paradoxical context that, in the case of the University de São Paulo, culminated in the creation of GEOUSP, currently one of the most important journals of Geography area and associated to the dynamics of the graduate programs. Regardless of the problems faced in the past it is a great satisfaction to notice the emergence of the insurgency movements, culminating on the resumption of previous editorial projects. It implies the adoption of a strategy of high social cost since it does not involve simply the fundraising for its resumption. The mentioned insurgency does not imply a mere effort of creation, but of maintenance and, especially, for adapting to the new "publishing languages". The use of the electronic format made possible, with strength, the resumption of the publication of the Geography Department Journal, as well as the availability of the previous published editions and in PDF format. The users have, thus, free access to all published editions, as well as the usufruct of an electronic submission system facilitated by SEER platform/Open Journal System. However, it is worth mentioning that the innovations are not restricted to these domains. It is noticed the herculean effort of the Editorial Council, on one hand, in indexing the journal to LATINDEX, GEODADOS, DOAJ and SUMÁRIOS.ORG and, on the other hand, in obtaining the DOI Number (Digital Object Identifier) from CROSSREF. In this sense the Geography Department Journal is equipped of important elements in the expansion of its diffusing, further validating the works here contained. Its historical density, combined with the incorporation of new editorial languages, makes the submission scene unusual to the Brazilian journals. Diversity in the set of themes dealt and an enlarged spatial dimension. The thematic opening indicates the diverse scenery of works presented in its number 23. Listed in the publishing works finalization order, it shows a publication

sequence by author and title presented, as follows: a) José Fernando Pinese Júnior and Silvio Carlos Rodrigues - "The Analytic Hierarchy Process – AHP – As a Support for Determining the Environmental Vulnerability of Piedade River (MG) Watershed", aiming the vulnerability determination in watershed and associated with variables such as slope, use and occupation of land, pedology and geology. As the final product of the AHP method processing, an Environmental Vulnerability Map is presented. b) Heros Augusto Santos Lobo - "Speleoclimate and its Applications in the Tourism Management in Caves", dedicated to the study of atmospheric systems in caves in order to ensure a touristic management. c) Tiago de Almeida Moreira - "Geography Teaching Using Films in Brazil", discussing the use of films in the Geography teaching, indicating an important films inventory. d) Mirlei Fachini Vicente Pereira - "Agribusiness Agents and Use of the Territory in Triângulo Mineiro/Alto Paranaíba: from the Grains Modern Agriculture to the Recent Expansion of Sugarcane", examining the contemporary logic of modernization and productive territorial specialization resulting from the sugarcane cultivation expansion in Triângulo Mineiro/Alto Paranaíba. e) Rodrigo Guimarães de Carvalho, Fátima Maria Soares Kelting & Ponciana Freire de Aguiar - "Integrated Environmental Diagnosis of the County of Grossos/RN: Subsidies to Environmental Planning", undertaking the environmental systems assessment of the county of Grossos aiming the development of a diagnostic table capable of highlighting the potentialities and limitations on the use, as well as emerging environmental problems in the area. f) Tulio Barbosa and Elias Coimbra da Silva - "In Times of Globalization: Memory and Culture of Brazilian Workers", aiming to understand the transformations in the workers' world, specifically the composition of their memory, from the reflections relating to culture, memory and globalization. g) Eduardo Silva Bueno and Sueli Angelo Furlan - "Fauna as an Instrument of Analysis of Geographical Complexity of Natural Environments. The case of *Carponis Melanocephala* in Intervales State Park and Surroundings - SP", indicating how the fauna study contributes to the geographical complexity analysis of the natural environments and its appropriation by man, serving to the establishment of conservation units and environments that they aim to protect. h) Roberto José Hezer Moreira Vervloet and Jurandyr Luciano Sanches Ross - "Review of Knowledge on the Brazilian Atlantic Plateau Topography: Unknowns That Still Remains", pondering on the knowledge associated with the Brazilian Atlantic plateaustopography, and based on the literature review since the decade of 1930. i) Marcos Esdras Leite, Maria Ivete Soares de Almeida, Gabriel Alves Veloso and Maykon Fredson Freitas

Ferreira – “Remote Sensing Applied to Mapping of the Dynamic of Land Use in the Pacuí River Watershed, in the North of Minas Gerais, in 1989, 1999 and 2009”, analyzing, through satellite images, the dynamics of land use in the Watershed and which result indicates a significant reduction of its natural vegetation and an increased pasture area. j) Jander Barbosa Monteiro, Alessandra Bezerra da Rocha and Maria Elisa Zanella - "The Quantis Technique for the Characterization of Dry and Rainy Years (1980-2009): Lower Course of Apodi-Mossoró/RN", aiming the understanding of the climate regime based on the quantis technique, specifically five classes: Very Dry, Dry, Normal, Rainy and Very Rainy, which will work as a basis of socio-environmental impacts studies related to natural disasters. k) Maria Emanuella Firmino Barbosa and Max Furrier - “Rock joint Systems and the Tectonic Influence of Parnaíba Sedimentary Water shed East Shore: Serra da Capivara National Park, Brazil”, while working in the rock joint identification in the understanding of the ruiniform relief, indicates the tectonic factor, renegaded or underestimated in the Brazilian relief configuration, as an explanatory dimension of the produced modeled. l) Romario Trentin and Luís Eduardo de Souza Robaina - "Geo-environmental Units in Itu River Watershed – West of Rio Grande do Sul State, Brazil”, analyzing and mapping geo-environmental units in watershed, using a scale of 1:50,000. This defines 9 units with homogeneous characteristics regarding the superficial dynamic processes and serving as a tool in regional development projects and resources management. The larger spatial dimension is perceived in the consideration of the papers origin institutions. It counts on contributions from students and professors from several Brazilian universities, distributed by region: Southeast – three papers from UFU (Federal University of Uberlândia), two from USP (State University of São Paulo), one from UNESP (Sao Paulo State University) and one from UNIMONTES (State University of Montes Claros); Northeast – one from UERN/UFC (State University of Rio Grande do Norte)/ (Federal University of Ceará), one from UECE/UFC (State University of Ceará)/ (Federal University of Ceará) and one from UFPB (Federal University of Paraíba); Midwest – one from UnB (University of Brasília); South – one from UFSM (Federal University of Santa Maria). Considering the published papers themes and origin, the Geography Department Journal reinforces its role as an important vehicle in the Geography area. I invite you to explore its contents.

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