

## Editorial

The first volume of *The Spanish Journal of Psychology* was published three years ago. It now seems appropriate to make an initial **assessment** of our journal's achievements. To begin with strictly formal aspects, all publication deadlines have been met, with each number of the journal being published the month before (April) it was actually due (May). More important, blind review by peers –from the various Autonomous Communities of Spain, as well as from Europe and the United States– has been scrupulously observed.

Some researchers have suggested we remove the initial restriction required of foreign researchers –to carry out their work in collaboration with a Spanish-speaking colleague– in order to publish in our journal. The Editorial Committee has fully accepted this suggestion.

Insofar as content is concerned, structuring of the journal into two different sections – empirical articles from any area of knowledge and research trends– has been well accepted, both in Spain and abroad. In fact, in these three volumes, we have received and published studies from each and every one of the six “official” areas of knowledge in Spain: experimental psychology; personality, assessment, and clinical treatment; developmental and educational psychology; social psychology; methodology of behavioral sciences; and psychobiology. Various foreign researchers are co-authors of some of the works we have published: from Argentina, the United States, France, the United Kingdom, and the Netherlands. Spanish authors of acknowledged international prestige (with articles published in journals such as *Science*, *Nature*, and the *British Journal of Mathematical and Statistical Psychology*) have kindly accepted to report their research trends in *The Spanish Journal of Psychology*.

As regards the near future, by request of the editor of the French journal, *Bulletin de Psychologie*, we are preparing a special issue of this journal (to be published shortly), to provide an overview of the research trends that have been carried out during this past decade in Spain. In addition to our normal issue, these research trends will also be published in *The Spanish Journal of Psychology* (in 2001). However, since in both journals, only a summary of these trends will appear, our Editorial Committee is considering increasing the number of research trends in each issue of our journal, as of 2002, to enable us to present extensively all the current research trends in Spain.

Lastly, as of the year 2002, if the number of articles submitted goes on increasing, our journal can most likely be published biannually instead of annually. — Juan Fernández, *Editor*.