



## Editorial

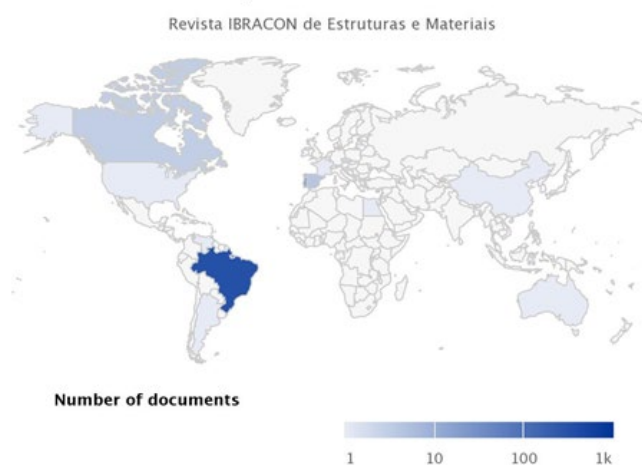
The Brazilian Concrete Institute (IBRACON) is celebrating its Jubilee. Fifty years dedicated to developing and spreading knowledge and networking in the concrete industry. The IBRACON Structures and Materials Journal (ISMJ) is a proud part of this journey. Celebrating this moment, in 2022 one of the editors-in-chief along the journal history is invited to write one editorial. I am glad to write in this issue.

In 2007 two separated journals (the Structural Journal, and the Materials Journal) were created, and later merged into the current one-journal version in 2008. In this period 81 issues and 766 documents were published citing 17,217 references. Considering only the SciELO database (ISMJ official repository), an amazing number of 2,549,899 accesses to one of the journal documents is recorded. The five most accessed papers are:

Title	# Of views
<b>Sistema de reforço à punção de lajes lisas de concreto armado com polímeros reforçados com fibra de carbono (PRFC).</b> Vol.07, n.4. Aug, 2014. p.592-625. <i>Santos, G. S. ; Nicácio, W. G.; Lima, A. W.; Melo, G. S. S. A.</i>	50713
<b>Proteção catódica de estruturas de concreto.</b> Vol.06, n.2. Apr, 2013. p.178-193 <i>Araujo, A.; Panossian, Z.; Lourenço, Z.</i>	48390
<b>Use of Electrochemical Impedance Spectroscopy (EIS) to monitoring the corrosion of reinforced concrete.</b> Vol.08, n.4. Aug, 2015. p.529-546. <i>Ribeiro, D. V.; Souza, C. A. C.; Abrantes, J. C. C.</i>	44965
<b>Strength and deformability of hollow concrete blocks: correlation of block and cylindrical sample test results.</b> Vol.02, n.1. Mar, 2009. p.85-99. <i>Barbosa, C. S.; Hanai, J. B.</i>	38777
<b>Behavior of reinforced concrete beams reinforced with GFRP bars.</b> Vol.01, n.3. Sep, 2008. p.285-295. <i>Tavares, D. H.; Giongo, J. S.; Paultre, P.</i>	37996

Most of the authors are from Brazil, but since the ISMJ changes towards a greater international insertion and choice to publish only in English from 2020, there is an expressive number of authors from all the Americas and Iberia, and an increasing number of authors coming from other parts of Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania. The journal is honored to have published authors from all continents, as much as is honored to also have editors from all continents. The figure below illustrates the authors distribution. The full data is available at <https://analytics.scielo.org/?journal=1983-4195>.

Distribution by authors affiliation countries



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ISMJ is included in the SciELO project to be part of the Scopus database. While we do not have yet the answer from Scopus, we can look at the Google metrics

(<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=SiuOxYsAAAAJ&hl=en>).

Along the years there were 4,288 citations of the journal papers, with 3,330 citations since 2017. The all-time h-index is equal to 23, and the h5-index is equal to 18. Almost 80% of the journal citations are from the last five years, and, even considering we are in the beginning of the year, the journal h5-index is close to its all-time h-index high, reflecting its growing impact.

Considering the year of 2021 some relevant information is:

- Submission to first-decision time = 50 days (papers submitted in 2021)
- Submission to acceptance time = 171 days (papers submitted from 2019 & published in 2021)
- Acceptance to publication time = about 3 weeks.
- Number of papers received in 2021 = 259 papers
- Paper acceptance = 37,7% (papers submitted in 2021 with a decision)

Over years the IBRACON Journal has built a reputation in Latin America as one of the most important scientific publications in Civil Engineering. This recognition is also observed worldwide in recent years.

This month, I would like to welcome our new Associate Editors, thanking them for bringing their excellence, reputation, and dedication to ISJM, Dr. Carmen Andrade (Polytechnic University of Catalonia, Spain), Dr. Pedro Castro Borges (Center for Research and Advanced Studies of the National Polytechnic Institute, Mexico), Dr. Maria Positieri (National Technological University, Argentina).

As part of the 2022 celebration, we are happy to announce that the issue V15N6 (November 2022) will be a Special Edition on Concrete Sustainability. Dr. Edna Possan (Federal University for Latin American Integration, Brazil) and Dr. Mark Alexander (University of Cape Town, South Africa) are the invited Editors-in-Chief for the Special Edition. Please check the Call for Contributions at the journal website: <http://ismj.org>.

Thank you

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