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We are pleased to announce that **BJR** has been accepted by Scopus, one of the most important abstract and citation databases of peer-reviewed journals in the world. The index process starts two months from now, and from then until the end of this year, **BJR** content will be accessible to Scopus users throughout the world. Their evaluator praised the quality of our abstracts and the fact that **BJR** has already had articles cited in other periodicals indexed in Scopus.

This is the result of all the effort **BJR** has put in to its publications and its commitment to investing in the quality of its editions. This includes mapping out important issues in the field and putting a considerable amount of work into selecting, reading, reviewing and enhancing the articles published in each edition. All of this work is made possible through managing the editorial workflow, conducting a thorough and rigorous revision of the 12 published articles while also meeting the deadlines attached to a triannual magazine. Many improvements have been made to the editorial process at **Brazilian Journalism Research** in line with other excellent international periodicals in the field of Social Sciences.

At the beginning of the year we included desk review to our assessment process. This means articles are first assessed by editors

who ensure that they adhere to the journal's editorial line and to the theme of each particular issue, including originality and international insertion. In addition, each edition is planned one year in advance. Since 2016 we have worked at keeping the average processing time for articles (from submissions to acceptance or refusals, including evaluators' reviews) to a maximum of six months, and in doing so, adopting the requisites of major international indexing tools. Lastly, we have set up a collective framework for planning and production at **BJR** between the current editorial committee and international editors Tania Rosas-Moreno from Loyola University, Maryland, USA, and Salvador de Leon from the Autonomous University of Aguascalientes, Mexico.

These changes have been implemented over time in liaison with the Brazilian Association of Journalism Researchers and collaborators at **BJR** (authors, reviewers, readers, and editors). We are aware that alterations or adjustments to the editing process are necessary over time, but the increased number of submissions to the magazine is a testament to the seriousness of our work at **BJR** and the recognition given to our academic quality.

In this regard, we are also pleased to announce that **Brazilian Journalism Research** has started 2018 by addressing an issue that is not only important academically but is also a current discussion point in politics and the media in Brazil: the relations between journalism and gender. As addressed by the editors in the introduction, this issue has somewhat been ignored in journalism studies from previous decades. However, over the last few years it has become a major talking point in discussions about how journalism has contributed towards reinforcing (or subverting) gender inequalities. The importance of gender in journalism is evident in the number and quality of articles which were submitted and published, and for this reason, we would like to thank the authors and editors for all the work they put in to our *Gender and Journalism Studies*. We would especially like to thank all the reviewers for their hard work and dedication to not only **BJR** but the entire field; it is this kind of collective collaboration that makes our open source system of publications possible.

Happy reading!