

Informe de la dirección de *Atlantis*

Report from the General Editor of *Atlantis*

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Although September is too early to provide a full Annual Report of what *Atlantis* has achieved during this last year, I shall touch on what is the main current concern of the present editorial team and no doubt of many of our contributors. I am referring to the inclusion of *Atlantis* in the European Reference Index for the Humanities (ERIH).

In his contribution as General Editor of *Atlantis* to the celebratory issue of the twenty-fifth anniversary of our journal (Volume 26, number 2, December 2004) José Antonio Álvarez Amorós posed the following question: "¿Puede sostenerse *Atlantis* sólo con las aportaciones científicas de la AEDEAN, o, lo que es lo mismo, de los investigadores españoles?" The answer is a resounding "No".

In the same issue the then President of AEDEAN María Teresa Turrell, encouraged scholars both in Spain and in other countries "to consider *Atlantis* as a publication journal for their work".

Leaving aside the fact that not all researchers in our fields in Spain are members of AEDEAN, the two quotations are related to an overall concern: the future and improvement of *Atlantis*. But what was in 2004 an aspiration – the internationalising of *Atlantis* – has now become an obligation. This obligation has been fulfilled on one front, that of the Board of Advisors, who are the bearers of our credentials, and the Board of Referees, who contribute so much to the improvement of quality and the consequent raising of our standards.

However, in June of this year it was made known that, in order to achieve the inclusion of a journal in ERIH, 20% of the journal's articles must come from abroad, in principle, from authors affiliated to foreign universities.

Fortunately, a number of such contributions have been coming in unsolicited, which is a good sign. The last three issues have contained contributions from Providence College, Rhode Island, the University of Winchester, UK, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the Pavol Jozef Safárik University in Kosice, Slovakia and the University of Jordan in Amman. Several more foreign university affiliations would have been included if reviews also counted, but sadly, for the moment they do not. It is obvious, then, that the more articles we publish by Spanish authors, the greater the number of articles are needed from foreign affiliations.

This in turn has an effect on the citation impact (another important criterion), since a higher number of articles per issue will most likely bring about a lower impact. This brings up the question "Do we want to favour exclusivity or receptivity?"

Apart from this recent new criterion of international representation, there are many others, mainly of a formal nature. The members of the editorial team are making great efforts in terms of hours of dedication to comply with those criteria in time for the forthcoming edition. You may have noticed that a number of the required changes have already been introduced in recent editions.

This is a tremendous challenge and we are doing our utmost to meet it. It is above all a collective enterprise. We count on the support of all our referees and contributors to help us as far as is in their power. Prompt returns of reports by referees are received with our gratitude, while those reports which contain apt and well-founded criticism and advice are pearls of great price, for they can make all the difference to the quality of the final version of an article. Meeting the criterion of quality depends to a great extent on our authors and what they submit to us. Taking up María Teresa Turell's call of encouragement, we invite you as contributors to send us your best work. We also welcome suggestions regarding the possible internationalisation of *Atlantis*.

I want to end this report on a positive note. We receive many congratulations from referees and readers both in Spain and abroad on the wide range of subjects, the quality and the presentation of *Atlantis*. I feel they are not saying all those things out of obligation.

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