Preface

Since the beginning of the **Latin American Journal of Solids and Structures**, LAJSS, members of the editorial board and other colleagues rightly raised the point of indexing the journal. I quickly became aware that this is not a simple procedure. An indexed journal should meet quite a few points: publish quality articles, have a homogenous typesetting, strictly adhere to the committed publication dates, etc. Moreover, the reviewing procedure is often questioned by the indexing organization, and the editorial board should be truly international.

More than one year ago, I apply LAJSS to one of the most important international databases, the **Thomson Corporation Science Citation Index**. After one year evaluation period, LAJSS was accepted to be included in the **Science Citation Index Expanded**, SCI Expanded, the Thomson data base accessed via the **Web of Science**.

LAJSS is now Abstracting and Indexing in, besides the Science Citation Index, the Directory of Open Access Journals, DOAJ, EBSCO Information Services and the Brazilian Journal Database.

By announcing this news, I trust extra motivation is given to potential authors for submitting their research results to this now truly international journal.

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