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Editorial

This is the fourth issue of *The Latin American Journal of Solids and Structures* and Volume 1 is now complete.

During this first year, the Latin American Journal of Solids and Structures (LAJSS) has been honoured with important articles authored by researchers from South America, Africa, China, Europe, India and United States of America.

That shows the journal is being recognised as an important publication of high quality research.

We attribute this fact to the editorial board and to the reviewers, who are providing an enormous service in peer reviewing the submitted papers. We express here our sincere words of thanks to them.

The journal has also been recognised by the Brazilian government and received grade A in the category National Publication and grade C in International Publication. The journal site can now be also accessed directly from the Brazilian government data base of electronic journals.

The journal web site has been visited constantly and many downloads from the articles have been done. We believe that the policy adopted by the journal of allowing free access to all the articles has also been a reason for its success.

As pointed out by the Association of Research Libraries, Association of College and Research Libraries, and SPARC - Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition, open access to scientific journals and articles increase manyfold the chance of them to be cited (www.createchange.org).

By providing free access to articles from LAJSS and making them visible to every search and retrieval tool we aim to increase the impact of the work we are all publishing in this journal.

We hope that the Latin American Journal of Solids and Structures can serve authors from all over the world even better in the next volume to come and we look forward to receiving your visit in www.lajss.org and your article contribution.

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