

Editorial

The scientific journal ANÀLISI published its first issue in 1980. When launched, it was undoubtedly a pioneer in many aspects, mainly because it was the first scientific journal devoted to communication in a country that had just begun to enjoy a constitutional and democratic regime two years before. Back then, it was a country whose development of communication studies had reached the public university after decades of being controlled by the “*Falange*” and by the Catholic Church. At the time, ANÀLISI was also the first journal actively engaged in publishing in Spanish and Catalan simultaneously.

Today after forty years of maintaining the stimulus and incentive to keep moving forward we publish our sixtieth volume. Throughout these years, we have continuously been trying to consolidate a field of interdisciplinary research in journalism and communication studies to the extent of our possibilities. Fortunately, today we are no longer the only ones. The journals in Spain in the field of journalism and communication have advanced and made notable contributions.

Today we can announce that ANÀLISI is officially in SCOPUS and in the third quartile (Q3) in its first evaluation.

We must acknowledge that our status today is the result of the tireless efforts of teachers who, for ten years, have worked to transform the journal to meet the international criteria of rankings with the greatest impact, without forgetting the initial purpose of, becoming a hub for the latest research findings in our field.

However, we still aspire to further heights as explorers and pioneers. Therefore, we are now undertaking a second challenge. We will continue moving in the same direction, but further fueling the dream of becoming a leading scientific journal in the international field that can access the first quartile in the field of journalism and communication studies in the future.

For this, we close one stage and begin another. We are currently dedicating our focus to go far beyond the sphere of influence that we have attained so far in Spanish-speaking countries. Without losing our base in our own geographical area, we have the objective of expanding, making the research agenda of our scientific community present all over the world.

In this sense, the next issues will have a specific topic section that addresses current challenges. However, and to enhance the freedom of research of our scientific community, we will maintain the miscellaneous section to give space to the wealth of articles that we are receiving. In addition, because we believe in the book genre and assume its importance in scientific communication, we will have a section on analysis and review of books.

At the same time, we will pay special attention to the task of transfer and dissemination. Therefore, we will organize debates, seminars and virtual and face-to-face colloquia. We will promote social networks and the creation of research forums based on them. In addition, we will further promote a collection of research books protected by the accredited brand of our journal.

This new stage of ANÀLISI will be visible in the issue of December 2019.

In the current issue, we look for articles that will help us extend research on how university students are using social networks, the role of the university media, the journalistic coverage of the terrorist attacks in Barcelona and Cambrils, the analysis of the phenomenon of fan fiction, and finally, a bibliometric analysis of the scientific production of recent years in the field of public relations. A miscellany, then, that enables us to place ourselves in different fields of study.

We invite you to read, discuss this issue, and disseminate those articles that interest you most. And of course, we encourage you to send us your contributions.

We would appreciate your participation and support from now on.

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