

Dear readers:

La Granja is in Scopus! The world's largest scientific literature database. This is one of the most important achievements for Ecuadorian scientific journals, since there had been no entry into this database from the country in a long time. The work was not easy and has involved the sustained effort for more than 15 years of an interdisciplinary team who have worked with the best of wills and creativity in pursuit of the visibility of science in the country.

It is therefore time to thank everyone: the national and international Scientific Board, scientific reviewers, translators, style reviewers, computer technicians, interns, editors, photographers, colleagues from the Editorial Board, professors and students who were always there to help and inspire. And above all, thanks to the authorities of Universidad Politécnica Salesiana-UPS and the publishing Abyayala, for their unconditional support in this scientific-editorial project.

Undoubtedly, this achievement would not be possible without the valuable research of our authors, and the citations of our readers. Thanks to all who work and make possible each issue of Revista de Ciencias de la Vida del Ecuador. In this edition we present articles of great interest that will be a contribution for your research; starting with a new review of biological control of Jaime Araya and Ricardo Cáceres, from Universidad de Chile; followed by a study of rational consumption in school cafeterias presented by Maria Bustamante, Ana Alfonso and Ignacio de los Ríos, from Universidad Politécnica de Madrid.

From geosciences, Ankit Singa in an India-Ecuador

cooperation with the UPS, performing a study of the soil composition in the Ecuadorian Amazon. In an Ecuador-Colombia-Holland collaboration Sergio Torres and Carlos Proaño analyze the water balance in the Jatunsacha moorlands.

Also, Patricio Yáñez and his team from Universidad Internacional del Ecuador show us an investigation carried out about the phytoplankton resilience after the oil spills.

In the field of veterinary sciences, David de la Torre and his team, in a collaboration between Universidad de Sao Paulo and Universidad Central del Ecuador UCE, show us a genetic study of avian adenovirus. And Dr. Diego Luna and his team – From Universidad Central del Ecuador– present us a study of the equine blood counts and the altitudinal variation.

Finally, in the field of animal nutrition, there are three studies. In the first one, Pablo Marini and Ricardo Di Maso from Universidad del Rosario in Argentina show us a historical evolution of the indicators of grazing; meanwhile, from an UPS-UCE collaboration, Francisco Gutierrez and Nancy Bonifáz, et al., present an investigation on the Pasture improvement with different balances. And to close our number, from the UCE, Jimmy Quisirumbay and his team talk about how the inclusion of betaine affects in the improvement of the nutrition of pigs.

I am sure that these investigations will be of your interest for your investigations. They are a sample of how science is done through the correct collaboration, well-founded studies and above all, the search for knowledge in favor of the community.

Cordially,

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