

## EDITORIAL

**Bionatura journal enters scopus database.**

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**B**ionatura, a new Ecuadorean journal focused on Life Sciences, was accepted for inclusion in Scopus, the most excellent bibliographical database of scientific papers and journals worldwide.

Bionatura was born in 2016, under the guidance of Dr. Nelson Santiago Vispo, professor/researcher of the School of Biological Sciences and Engineering of Yachay Tech. Santiago Vispo, with over 20 years of experience in scientific publishing, brought together other universities and institutions, national and foreign, to participate in this project.

The Journal covers topics that include: Biotechnology, Immunology, Biochemistry, Biomedical, Clinical Trials, among others. At the moment, Bionatura counts, with the support of the following institutions: Universidad Católica de Oriente (Colombia), Universidad Yachay Tech and Clinicalbiotec (Ecuador), and Centro de Biotecnología y Biomedicina (Chile).

In addition, Bionatura has a very well-known editorial board that includes researchers from scientific research institutions such as the University of KwaZulu-Natal (South Africa), University of Montreal (Canada), Universidad de Concepción (Chile), Fraunhofer Institut (Germany), Instituto de investigación biomédica La Paz (Spain), Clemson University (USA), Universidad Central (Ecuador), Universidad San Francisco de Quito (Ecuador), among others. The diverse and international editorial team of Bionatura receives manuscripts from researchers around the world.

To enter the Scopus databases, Bionatura had to meet rigorous parameters that were thoroughly reviewed by an

Evaluation Board. Some of these requirements included: publication record of at least two years; publication of academic research articles; peer review process with easy access; relevant content focused on an international audience, including abstracts and titles in the English language. The journal is evaluated every year to ensure rigorousness and excellence. The Scopus Evaluation Board highlighted the following qualities of the journal: a strong editorial team, the rigorousness of the review process and an attractive website ([www.revistabionatura.com](http://www.revistabionatura.com)). Bionatura publications will be uploaded to Scopus ([www.scopus.com](http://www.scopus.com)) within the next three months.

For Yachay Tech, the importance of Bionatura being indexed in Scopus lies in the fact that by being part of the most important database worldwide, its impact factor, or H index, can increase considerably, allowing it to gain more visibility, higher reputation and access to a global audience of researchers and experts.

The acceptance of Bionatura into Scopus, aside from strengthening the scientific community of Ecuador, embodies a great achievement for Yachay Tech: it is the first indexed journal of the University, something considered by the accreditation process of the University before the Higher Education Quality Assurance Council (CACES, in Spanish). It is also proof of the constant efforts by the University to achieve excellence in research, teaching and community engagement.

Bionatura produces four publications per year, both in printed and digital media. Since its creation in 2016 to this date, it has added up a total of 15 editions. (LMC)



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