EDITORIAL

The members of the SECOT and the readers of our journal must be informed that, as from this issue, articles for publication are to be sent only by internet through an editorial system called EES (*Elsevier Editorial System*). In other words, this system will be the only means by which we will accept and evaluate works, and both the traditional postal service and e-mails will be given up for good. This information is clearly expressed in the «authors' guidelines» of the present issue, and we suggest that it should be read carefully.

The introduction of the *EES* system is of great advantage for our members and readers, as well as for our journal, since it will facilitate sending and evaluating works for publication. In fact, this is an international system that is already being used by prominent publications in our specialty. Our journal will thus form part of this prestigious group.

One of the advantages of the *EES* system is that, apart from being easier to use for authors and reviewers than the traditional system, it will allow authors to follow the editorial process their work goes through. Furthermore, the period between the moment an article is sent and its publication will be shorter, as already happens with other journals using the *EES* system through internet.

Finally, it is worth mentioning that some parts of the *EES* system are only in English, whereas many others are both in English and Spanish. This is due to the fact that because it is international its full translation is complicated. We hope that members and readers are not troubled by this small inconvenience, since we believe it is no impediment for them to start benefiting from a system that is highly advantageous for our journal.

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