

Editorial

2018 will bring great news for our journal!

Among several important changes to occur this year, *Ciência & Tecnologia dos Materiais* will officially take its English name, *Science and Technology of Materials*. Along with that, only papers in English will be considered for publication. The journal will continue to be published by Elsevier, and from volume 30 onwards, with a new online-only model, featuring 3 issues per year. Another important change is the online publication immediately after paper acceptance, which will lead to short publication times.

Science and Technology of Materials has recently been accepted by Clarivate Analytics for indexing in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI), which is an important step in the direction of getting an impact factor. All the mentioned changes aim at increasing the attractiveness and international projection of the journal, as well as the continuous improvement of its scientific quality, providing a better service to the members of the Portuguese Society of Materials (Sociedade Portuguesa de Materiais, SPM) and to the scientific community in general.

Science and Technology of Materials will continue to publish special issues devoted to scientific conferences

held in Portugal and contributing to the dissemination of the high quality work there presented, related to high impact topics ranging from biomaterials, to new cellular materials or challenges in materials for energy applications. In fact, special issues related to the conferences *Materiais 2017* and *MatCel'2017* are already scheduled for the following issues of volume 30, 2018.

Due to the publication of the special issue related to *Materiais 2015*, volume 29 has also 3 issues, the present one being no. 3. A wide range of materials science topics are featured in this issue, from powder metallurgy, to the use of industrial waste, to composites, biosorbents, and automotive applications, which we believe will be of interest to our readers.

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