

Greetings

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The eight published issues of the *Sostenible?* journal are one of the clearest indications of the activity that the **UNESCO Chair of Sustainability** has undertaken in the last 10 years.

Together with the results of teaching, research and awareness raising, for eight academic years the UNESCO Chair has produced a monographic issue of the *Sostenible?* journal. This journal is aimed at a wide readership and its objective is to disseminate information on sustainability-related topics. This activity is always carried out with the rigour required of a university initiative.

To date, *Sostenible?* has dealt with the following issues: globalisation, biotechnology, Africa, Agenda 21, democracy, ethics in research and sustainability as a benchmark. The current issue deals with another pressing concern: energy. We live in a civilisation that is highly dependent on the sources of energy it uses. Our dependency on fossil fuels and the constant growth in energy demand indicate that we should consider technological alternatives. This is no easy task.

The journal articles provide the opportunity to expand information and to discover differing opinions on alternative sources of energy. This is a topic (or rather a problem) that is being widely discussed today, due to its central importance, as the future of our civilisation could depend on how this problem is solved.