From Editors: Seven years on the Editorial Team of the Journal of Airline and Airport Management (JAIRM)

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Abstract

The goal of this editorial is to provide a short review of the seven years in which I have formed part of the editorial team of the JAIRM as editor-in-chief, and to suggest the challenges that, from my point of view, are key to the development of the journal and this area of research.

Seven years ago, when the OmniaScience publishing company proposed initiating the project of creating an open access journal on Airline and Airport Management, we looked on the task as an opportunity to help research grow in this area. It was evident then, and I think it still is, that there are very few journals in this field and that means that many of the specialized publications end up in more generalist physics or geography journals (e.g., Lordan et al., 2014; Du et al., 2017), most of which have a more restricted circulation, as they are not open access.

Over these years, we have worked to breathe life into the project in its infancy, which is always difficult, consolidating an excellent editorial board and a suitable framework of reviewers. On a similar note, I think we have expanded the international scope by accepting articles in Spanish and their subsequent translation into English. Furthermore, we have provided wide international access to the articles published, which is corroborated by the more than 136 thousand visits from a wide
variety of countries, including the United States, United Kingdom, Spain, India and Germany (statistics according to Google Analytics).

In this sense, there are challenges pending that we have not met in this period. Among them is receiving a larger number of articles per year, which would have enabled us, within the highest standards of editorial quality, to publish a large number of articles. Secondly, the journal is still pending being indexed in both SJR (Scopus) and JCR (Clarivate Analytics). Ultimately, these are now the two challenges that should be given priority by the new editorial team, as well as improving on the work of those of us who are leaving, noticeably reducing the review times. I have no doubt in their ability to accomplish this task, but it must be accompanied by a single vision from the specialized scientific community, that is to say, the need to increase the number of independent open access journals, which contribute to the further growth of the quality research presented in Airline and Airport Management.
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