



In early 2009, we presented the first issue of the Journal of Aerospace Technology and Management (JATM) after months of hard work and planning. JATM is a techno-scientific publication edited and published by the Institute of Aeronautics and Space (Instituto de Aeronáutica e Espaço, IAE). The journal has been published every four months, and the articles are selected by an Editorial Committee composed of researchers and technologists from the IAE, as well as outside members of the scientific community.

Its main objective is to present the results of scientific and technological research, specially in the aerospace field, and to promote interaction within scientific community.

Starting next year, the Journal will be published every three months due to the great “acceptance” it had. The scientific community already considers JATM a reliable vehicle of high level discussion on aerospace research. We took into account the following factors for the change:

- the website of JATM ([www.jatm.com.br](http://www.jatm.com.br)) has been accessed an at 900 times a month from different countries such as the United States, South Africa, France, Portugal, Germany, India, China and the United Kingdom;
- the Journal provides public access to all of its content, following the principle of free access to research and attempting to enable a global knowledge exchange;
- the number of articles for evaluation has been increasing;
- the JATM is indexed in many databases such as the Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ), the e-journal gateway from global literature (J-Gate), the portal to free access journals (LiVRE), the Google Scholar, the Summaries of Brazilian Journals (Sumários.org), the Electronic Journals Library (EZB), the Ulrich’s Periodicals Directory (Ulrichsweb), the China Educational Publications (SOCOL@R) and the Sistema Regional de Información en Línea para Revistas Científicas de América Latina, el Caribe, España y Portugal (Latindex);
- all the JATM articles contain DOI numbers defined by Crossref.org;
- JATM is affiliated to the Brazilian Association of Scientific Editors (ABEC, acronym in Portuguese).

For the future, some important changes are underway, starting on this issue, such as the renovation of the Associate Editors and of the Editorial Board. These changes were done aiming at a better quality in the evaluation of manuscripts.

The quest for the best continues. We know that the work is hard if you want a high-level journal. We are aware that it is possible to produce a journal appreciated by the entire aerospace community.

JATM is here to stay and continues on the road to success among other respectable aerospace publications.