

Editorial

Welcome to the launch of *The Latin American Journal of Aquatic Mammals*. The Journal aims to promote and disseminate scientific knowledge concerning aquatic mammals and their environment in Latin America. Ideally, such knowledge will be developed through collaboration among scientists from many countries and various disciplines. For several years there has been discussion within the Latin American Society for Aquatic Mammals (SOLAMAC) about the importance of producing a journal of this kind. Members of the Society have expressed differing views on subject, and as a consequence the journal's gestation has taken longer than many of us had hoped it would. Despite obvious progress in the quantity and quality of aquatic mammal science during the last decade, the dissemination of scientific knowledge has been limited. The Secretariat of SOLAMAC believes the Journal is an appropriate way to expand the frontiers. The success of the Journal will depend on the dedication and good will of all members of the Society and researchers. All members of SOLAMAC, aquatic mammal researchers and students are invited to be part of this challenge.

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