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Pesquisa Agropecuária Tropical (PAT journal) has been published since 1999 as a continuation of *Anais das Escolas de Agronomia e Veterinária* of the Federal University of Goiás State, Brazil. The original periodical was created in 1971, when a tradition on agricultural research in Central Brazil did not exist yet. For this reason, PAT played an important role in publicizing advances in agricultural research from this region, which ultimately resulted in the agricultural occupation of the Brazilian savannah (*cerrados*). The increasing of crop growing and cattle raising activities demanded scientific advances which made Brazil a technological model for development of agriculture in tropical regions. In this sense, scientific periodicals such as PAT have made and continue to make a strategically significant contribution to this extraordinary development. Since the 1970's, ground-breaking research on liming and correction of aluminum toxicity in *cerrado* soils, on adaptation of crops like soybean, maize, and sugarcane to this environment, as well as on sustainable management of plant species such as *cerrado* native fruits, have had few other channels for publication besides PAT.

Conscious of this historical contribution to science and technology of the agricultural sector, with emphasis in the tropics, we are pleased to inform readers of two new improvements in our journal. First, PAT is already indexed in important bibliographic international cataloguing bases: *CAB Abstracts*, *FSTA – Food Science and Technology Abstracts*, *AGRIS – International Information System for the Agricultural Science and Technology (FAO)*, *DOAJ – Directory of Open Access Journals*, *Scirus – for scientific information only*, *AGROBASE – base de dados da agricultura Brasileira*, *Portal Periódicos*, *Scholar Google*, and *Sumarios.Org*. This step considerably expands PAT visibility, in an effort that began with the publication of PAT's full collection (since 1971) on internet (www.agro.ufg.br/pat), all free of charge and in full text. Second improvement, beginning with this issue (January/March 2007) PAT will be published quarterly. In this way, PAT will better meet the increasing demand of scientific community for quality periodicals, based upon ethical and technical rigor.

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