Journal of Environmental Scientific Photography: a brief presentation

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Photography has played an important role in environmental scientific studies, due to its capacity of registering almost imperceptible details and rare events in nature, to its methodological strength and to its esthetical and moving appeal in scientific publication. This great versatility and remarkable growing potential of photography in Environmental Sciences (*lato sensu*) have motivated us to create a unique channel for the dissemination of techniques and photos taken by researchers during their field and laboratory works. Hence, we expect a paradigm shift in the view of photography working just as an illustration.

We are pleased to present the Journal of Environmental Scientific Photography, an online biannual periodic, peer review, and with open access. This journal aims to publish original studies on various themes where photography is used as a scientific method in Biology and others environmental areas. Both boards of editors and advisors are composed by researchers and photographers selected by their performance in the academic field at national and international level.

This first volume ("volume zero") presents points of view of the board members and an interview to instigate the researchers to use photography as a methodological tool in their studies. These points of view explore the diversity of possibilities of the Environmental Scientific Photography and enable the readers to get well acquainted with the state of art, the

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definitions, the specific techniques and the perspectives of future studies. Further volumes will present a maximum of two points of view, one interview and will consist mainly of original papers.

We, editors and advisors, will be honored to receive contributions from the ones who share the ideas here presented. From now on, we are open to submission of articles, points of views, partnership proposals, critiques and suggestions that would help us to improve the quality of the Journal of Environmental Scientific Photography.

Enjoy the reading.