

Editorial

The Editorial Board of the magazine, taking into consideration several reasons, has decided to dedicate a special edition to Brazil.

On the one hand, the growth of its economy has been spectacular, and the political role played in both the international sphere and in the American continent, has been preponderant. Now that Brazil has many things to say to its neighboring countries, it's necessary to begin to understand it more thoroughly. That is the purpose of this edition presented to us by the researcher Luis Trejos. Thanks to him, we were able to establish academic contact with researchers from the southern part of the continent in the effort of trying to apprehend as much as possible of what is being thought about this regional power.

Secondly, we considered this topic to be appropriate to the guidelines of our magazine now that since the government of president Lula, Brazil has been a key player in the Greater Caribbean Region, and has had a direct influence in the political, commercial, and humanitarian processes in the continent (i.e., the case of Haiti in 2010).

As well, in relation to Barranquilla's Bicentennial, we continue with our covers dedicated to the various groups of immigrants that, since the end of the 19th century, populated the Caribbean coasts, and became an active part in the processes of modernization and development of the cities of Colombia's Caribbean coast.

Last but not least, we would like to highlight the Second International Congress of Caribbean Studies that took place at the Universidad del Norte in cooperation with the Universidad Nacional Sede Caribe and the Universidad del Magdalena, from the 10th of August to the 12th of this current year. The Congress was attended by an important number of national and foreign researchers devoted to the study of this complex region of America. Surely, we will have editions in the near future that will address this topic.

Finally, we would like to thank our ever growing community of readers, for they have been with us through all these years and have now elevated the number of downloads on the magazine to over 100,000.

The editors