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As of volume 36, *Ciencias Marinas* will have a new look. Minor changes in keeping with modern design trends have been made to the cover and article format in order to make the print version more visually appealing. Some modifications have also been made to the instructions to authors.

Finally, I would like to thank the journal's editorial and administrative staff, associate editors, reviewers, readers, and subscribers, but primarily the authors for their valuable contribution to the sustained success and quality of *Ciencias Marinas*. I would also like to thank the Autonomous University of Baja California and the Mexican Council for Science and Technology for their trust and support over the many years.

Kind regards

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