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“Under the feet of each generation that passes on this Earth lie the ashes of the many generations that preceded it”

Alexandre Herculano (1810-1877)



January, 2016 was the month in which REM completed 80 years of existence, and perhaps its creators dreamed about this duration, as can be deduced from the first editorial of REM, in which they demonstrated the attempts to create publications, which before REM had left “signs of the combative energy of those that conducted them, marking traces of the battle of the students of Vila Rica against isolation, of their efforts to do whatever seemed necessary to shorten the steel tentacles that would unite them with great centers.

I have had the opportunity to know the first editors of REM while they were alive, a generation that was responsible for the development of Brazilian mineralogy and metallurgy.

Once the idea was launched by REM’s first founders, that is, to flee from isolation, it became clear that REM would have to “drink in other places”, which can be interpreted as: become an international publication, since the national frontiers have long been conquered. Time has come to think of REM in a radical manner.

- Increase the number of editors – national and international
- Control the delays in analyzing the article: minimum deadline of 104 days, maximum of 180 days.
- Have an online edition with more articles.
- Change the name of the online publication from REM – Revista Escola de Minas to REM-Internation Engineering Journal.

These changes are of vital importance for REM in order to become attractive to current and potential authors/researchers, as well as to overcome one more stage of isolation, as forecast by its creators. I can think of no better manner to commemorate these 80 years of REM. It is time to prepare for a new challenge by focusing on and eliminating the problems that going international demands.

Long live REM.

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