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Gulf and Caribbean Research (GCR) is pleased to announce a number of new and exciting initiatives. Since May 2018 GCR has been indexed in EBSCOhost research databases and we are also indexed in Scopus research databases as of May 2019. In February 2019 we were also listed in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) of the Web of Science (WoS) Core Collection of Clarivate Analytics, which will ultimately allow WoS to provide an Impact Factor for GCR. These indexing services will provide more exposure for GCR, resulting in continued increases in citations of GCR publications. Currently, GCR papers are viewed worldwide, with more than 71,000 downloads since the journal went on-line in April 2015.

In May 2019, the University of Southern Mississippi Libraries' Digital Lab staff completed scanning the *Journal of Marine Science* (JMS) back issues and made them available at the *Gulf and Caribbean Research* website (<https://aquila.usm.edu/joms/>). The JMS was published from 1969–1974 by the Marine Sciences Institute of Bayou La Batre, Alabama (G.A. Rounsefell, editor) and was the precursor of *Northeast Gulf Science* and eventually *Gulf of Mexico Science* (<https://aquila.usm.edu/goms/>). Sponsorship of JMS passed to the Marine Environmental Science Consortium (more commonly known as the Dauphin Island Sea Lab) and in 1977 the journal name was changed to *Northeast Gulf Science*. These early works produced 6 issues in 2 volumes with 15 papers or notes, 1 editorial, a memorial article honoring the passing of H.S. Swingle, and 3 book reviews. We hope our readership finds these useful contributions to research in our region.

Gulf and Caribbean Research is pleased to announce a new initiative, beginning with Volume 30. We are partnering with Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL) and the University of South Alabama to promote scholarly development of young marine and estuarine scientists. Undergraduate students participating in the National Science Foundation's Research Experience for Undergraduates program and other interns at DISL each summer for the next 3 years will be encouraged to submit the results of their research to GCR as a short communication for peer review. Accepted manuscripts will be published as Open Access as part of this program. All REU submissions will be handled by Dr. Ruth H. Carmichael, special Associate Editor for this initiative and the principle investigator for the DISL REU program.

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