



Editorial

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Following the initial stage of conception and foundational development of the editorial project, OnBoard Knowledge Journal now moves into a second phase aimed at consolidating its academic, administrative, and scientific identity. This new stage represents a fundamental step toward establishing the journal as an institutional space for dissemination, reflection, and research, aligned with the mission of the Escuela Naval de Cadetes "Almirante Padilla" — ENAP and with the knowledge-generation needs of the country's naval, maritime, riverine, technological, and strategic sectors.

The definition of the name OnBoard Knowledge Journal responds to an editorial vision that integrates academic knowledge with naval and maritime experience. The expression OnBoard evokes the idea of being aboard, of actively participating in a mission, and of contributing to a formative, scientific, and strategic process rooted in naval life and projected toward society. At the same time, the term Knowledge reaffirms the journal's central purpose: to produce, organize, evaluate, and disseminate relevant, rigorous, and useful knowledge for the academic, scientific, and institutional community. Taken together, the journal's name expresses an invitation to build knowledge through experience, research, and commitment to the development of institutional and national capabilities.

As part of this editorial definition process, the journal established Engineering and Technology as its broad area of knowledge, in accordance with the fields recognized by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). This decision resulted from a strategic analysis of institutional capabilities, existing research lines, national and international editorial trends, and the scientific needs associated with contemporary naval education. Engineering and technology are now essential pillars for strengthening maritime and riverine operations, digital transformation, security, defense, simulation, autonomous systems, cybersecurity, educational innovation, data management, and the development of applied solutions for complex scenarios.

The selection of this broad area does not restrict the interdisciplinary nature of the journal; on the contrary, it provides an organizing axis capable of engaging with multiple fields of knowledge. In this sense, OnBoard Knowledge Journal is conceived as a scientific publication open to research related to naval engineering, electronic engineering, systems engineering, information technologies, artificial intelligence, automation, simulation, data science, digital security, technological innovation, technology-enhanced education, knowledge management, defense, maritime security, and applied studies in naval environments.



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This thematic orientation will make it possible to consolidate a coherent, relevant editorial identity aligned with the strategic needs of ENAP and the Colombian Navy.

The consolidation of the journal has also required the definition of an administrative and editorial structure to ensure quality, transparency, and sustainability throughout the publication process. To this end, an organization has been projected consisting of editorial leadership, an operational editorial team, a scientific and academic committee, and a support group responsible for management, communication, peer-review coordination, editing, standardization, and dissemination processes. This structure seeks to ensure that each manuscript received is handled with rigor, traceability, and respect for the principles of editorial ethics, peer review, scientific integrity, and open access.

The editorial team of OnBoard Knowledge Journal will be responsible for coordinating the processes of manuscript submission, preliminary evaluation, reviewer assignment, editorial follow-up, copyediting, layout, publication, and dissemination of accepted articles. Its work will be essential to ensuring the timeliness, quality, and coherence of each published issue. Likewise, the members of the scientific committee will play a strategic role in guiding the academic direction of the journal, strengthening its thematic areas, validating its scientific relevance, and promoting collaboration networks with researchers, institutions, and external academic communities.

The participation of the committee members and the editorial team provides essential support for this new stage. Their academic, research, professional, and institutional experience will help guide the journal's growth under criteria of quality, visibility, and relevance. In this regard, OnBoard Knowledge Journal is being built as a collective project in which human, scientific, and administrative capacities converge in support of a publication that progressively aspires to become a reference in its field of knowledge. The journal is not an isolated editorial initiative; rather, it is part of a broader institutional vision aimed at strengthening research, innovation, and scientific culture at ENAP.

At this stage, the initial editorial policies have also been defined to formally launch the dissemination processes of the new journal. These policies include guidelines on open access, publication ethics, manuscript originality, peer review, conflicts of interest, copyright, good editorial practices, author and reviewer responsibilities, digital preservation, and transparency in evaluation processes. The adoption of these policies is an essential condition to ensure that the journal operates under standards recognized by the scientific community and progressively advances toward visibility, indexation, and academic recognition.

In particular, the journal assumes a commitment to promoting responsible, rigorous, and accessible scientific dissemination. For this reason, it is projected as an open-access publication aimed at facilitating the circulation of knowledge without barriers for readers and with an institutional vocation for academic service. This policy strengthens ENAP's mission by allowing research, reflection, and innovation outcomes related to naval sciences, engineering, and technology to be consulted, used, and discussed by broader academic, professional, and institutional communities.

The launch of OnBoard Knowledge Journal also entails a progressive positioning strategy. This includes the formal presentation of the journal to the academic community, the dissemination of its thematic scope, the socialization of its editorial policies, invitations to national and international researchers, articulation with academic networks, and the development of digital channels to expand its visibility. Through this process, the journal will seek to strengthen its institutional presence through clear and coherent communication aligned with the principles of editorial quality, scientific relevance, and international projection.

In this context, an open invitation is extended to faculty members, researchers, graduate students, professionals from the naval sector, members of military institutions, research centers, universities, and organizations linked to engineering, technology, security, defense,

and maritime studies to participate in this new publication through the submission of original articles, reviews, applied studies, technological developments, research experiences, and academic contributions that support the strengthening of knowledge in these areas. Each manuscript received will represent an opportunity to enrich scientific dialogue and consolidate an academic community committed to the contemporary challenges of the naval and technological environment.

Likewise, OnBoard Knowledge Journal extends a special call to researchers and experts interested in serving as peer reviewers. Scholarly review is one of the fundamental pillars of a journal's scientific quality. Therefore, having qualified, ethical, rigorous, and committed reviewers will be decisive in ensuring the relevance, originality, and soundness of the published works. The participation of national and international reviewers will strengthen the transparency of the editorial process, expand the journal's academic network, and contribute to the construction of standards of scientific excellence.

This second stage therefore marks the transition from the institutional conception of the journal toward its editorial organization and public projection. The definition of its name, area of knowledge, administrative structure, committees, editorial team, dissemination policies, and call mechanisms constitutes the foundation upon which its future development will be built. OnBoard Knowledge Journal thus begins a process of consolidation that requires commitment, continuity, and strategic vision, while also representing an invaluable opportunity to strengthen the scientific production of the Escuela Naval de Cadetes "Almirante Padilla".

As Editor-in-Chief, I express my gratitude to the members of the scientific committee, the editorial team, the institutional authorities, and all collaborators who have supported this stage of structuring and implementation. Their commitment makes it possible to move forward in building a scientific journal with its own identity, institutional vocation, and academic projection. Through this call for authors and reviewers, OnBoard Knowledge Journal formally opens its doors to the scientific community, inviting them to come aboard this editorial project dedicated to the generation, circulation, and appropriation of naval, maritime, technological, and strategic knowledge.

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