



## EDITORIAL

I write this Editorial on day 104 of the Covid-19 lockdown in Chile; a complex existential and painful scenario that nobody could foresee or and that nobody can be indifferent about. Without a doubt, we do not know how much longer we have before returning to a “new normal”, but however long it may be, no one should be the same person as when this all began.

This pandemic process not only makes us face how fragile our existence is as a species, but it also places us in the sublime essence of living, relieving with it the sense of sanity, reappraising our homes, encouraging us to consume more consciously and to take care of ourselves as a tribe, just as our ancestral cultures did, where the elderly and children require more attention and protection. This is certainly a favorable scenario for those of us who have been fortunate enough to experience this profound process in a protected way, as this pandemic, just like those of previous centuries, has again uncovered the enormous social divide there is, which make access to the possibility of a more dignified life unattainable for most people. Covid-19 has made us feel smaller on surprising us amid the 21<sup>st</sup> century, in a scientific and advanced technological era, which we thought had all the answers to everything (even the idea of inhabiting other planets), and showing us how insignificant we are. Thus, reflecting about our current and future condition as a species, and about how we relate to each other socially, with the biosphere and our built environment, is crucial. This is a unique opportunity that we should take and nurse, both at a human and at a disciplinary level.

Despite this adverse and uncertain prospect, HS' editorial team continues with a systematic work to contribute to the scientific and academic community with subjects that provide a significant contribution to the built environment and the sustainable habitat, which undoubtedly will be addressed in the future from perspectives and studies arising from the times of Covid-19.

This issue, 10 N1, brings a rich and valuable repertoire of articles from Spain, Mexico and Argentina, that contribute to areas that are so relevant for HS's

editorial line like those focused on energy poverty, thermal attributes of construction elements with lower environmental impact, energy efficiency, tools to efficiently use water resources and BIM tools for bioclimatic design, all of them being the results of relevant international research projects.

I would like to end this editorial with a message of optimism, sharing an excellent piece of news for the HS community: as of March, this year, Habitat Sustentable Journal has been accepted in the SCOPUS database. This is amazing news that tells us we are on the right path and that encourages us to keep moving forward and improving.

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