

EDITORIAL

This special issue of the Brazilian Journal of Oceanography (BJO) celebrates the 40th anniversary of the Brazilian Programme of Marine Geology and Geophysics (Programa de Geologia e Geofísica Marinha – PGGM).

PGGM is one of the oldest and more active research networks of Brazil, congregating 23 institutions, corresponding to 17 universities and 6 governmental organizations. The main focuses of PGGM are the formation of graduate and post-graduate personnel in marine geology and geophysics, together with the improvement of the knowledge on the Brazilian continental margin and adjacent oceanic areas.

The seven contributions published in this issue confirm the diversity of subjects as well as the activity of the groups which are spread all along the Brazilian coast. In fact, they represent the power and the potential of growing of the Brazilian Marine Geology and Geophysics in Brazil.

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