

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Editorial Team of JACCES

'Looking for the good in our fellows, we can find ours'. Plato 427-347 B.C.

'There is a driving force more powerful than steam, electricity and atomic energy, the will'. Einstein 1879-1955.

The Society is an organized system, made up of a group of individuals who, characterized by a similar culture and ideology, interact and cooperate with each other so to achieve common goals, allowing this way that the people from this system could develop their life to the full. Its evolution, however, is intrinsically linked to the scientific findings, which, at the same time, are a base for the technological development and whose implementation have brought society to an exponential level of wellness and life quality.

Technology is then conceived as a 'social construct' (Tecnología y Sociedad, 1982), developed by society so to meet the needs it generates. However, in practice, most of the technological devices are designed to be used by most of the people in a community and not by all its members. This has led, and is still leading, a great proportion of people to social exclusion, whose abilities and needs to develop their vital activities in the community, are not taken into account.

It is true that, in the last few decades, the social consciousness has been raising and, together with the demands of certain society sectors, there have been contributions for improving the system deficiencies, favouring the equality of opportunities to the whole of the citizens. However, despite all these efforts, there is still long way to go.

Having this premise into mind, and thanks to the joint desire and effort of both the ONCE Foundation and the Accessibility Chair, it is born the Journal of

Accessibility and Design for All (JACCES). Its aim is becoming a catalyst for the dissemination and promotion of new technologies and developments on accessibility and design for all, so the society could evolve in line with the equality of opportunities to each and every person.

Therefore, JACCES pretends to collect all those advances and researches on accessibility and design for all related to a series of disciplines which are considered basic pillars in the society evolution and sustain: Engineering, Architecture and Construction, Health and medical care, Society and economy, and Education.

JACCES is a peer-reviewed journal with an international scope and its aim is to offer a non-profit journal with open and immediate access. For these reasons, the journal is published digitally as a main publishing way and so being able to offer knowledge and advances in the accessibility and design for all fields.

This way, JACCES aspires to be a nexus between communities, favouring the exchange of ideas, and also a referent in the accessibility and design for all fields. According to that, it intends to be a source of information for professionals, not only for the academic community but also for the public and private sector, becoming this way base and inspiration for new research, scientific contributions and devices which, sooner or later, will be part of the society, shaping it into a system capable of offering equality of opportunities to each person in it without any excluding condition.