

# Editorial

## Scientific Journal of the Colombian Society of Ophthalmology 2012 - 2014

Before making a brief appraisal of my job as head of the editorial board of the scientific journal of the Colombian Society of Ophthalmology for the past two years, I'd like to thank to all authors (specialists and residents alike) for the effort both as clinicians and researchers and likewise congratulate those who decided to collaborate during this period of time, sharing knowledge and clinical experiences to the Colombian and Latin-American ophthalmological community.

These have been two years of constant and dedicated labor with the purpose of complying with the proposed goals since I began this quest on December 2012 (after accepting Dr. Carlos Restrepo Peláez's –SCO president- proposal) backed up by the national and international editorial board with whom I had worked side by side for several years already. Special thanks to them, who silently and selflessly supported my task as chief editor by reviewing manuscripts, suggesting corrections and thereby raising the academic quality of our journal. Consistent with my goal of improving the

scientific quality of the journal, I invited two more Colombian colleagues to the editorial board, who with their knowledge in clinical epidemiology have clarifying doubts, suggesting modifications from the methodological and statistical analysis standpoint of some of papers submitted for publication.

Likewise, I invited several international worldwide known ophthalmologists to the editorial board such as Eduardo Alfonso MD (Bascom Palmer Eye Institute-University of Miami Miller School of Medicine), Fernando Arévalo MD (Wilmer Eye Institute-Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and King Khaled Surgical Eye Hospital) and Félix Pérez MD (Venezuelan Association for the Progress of Ophthalmology –Universidad de Los Andes-Venezuela). It's worth mentioning that by express request of Dr Alfonso, our journal began being sent every three months to the Edward Norton Library (Bascom Palmer Eye Institute) to be read by residents and specialists alike; an opportunity for a better visibility of our scientific production at the world leader center in Ophthalmology.

My quest began ending 2012 with very specific goals such as keeping a quarterly edition of the journal with original and interesting papers for its readers and seeking to maintain the indexation level (C Category, COLCIENCIAS) and trying to improve this categorization in the near future. Full color journal print and a new journal portrait in accordance with our purely academic orientation and openness to the full ophthalmological national and international community, were also part of the initial editorial job. I proposed and started up a new section on our journal aimed at sharing clinical images, an important source of information for our practice, stimulating the diagnostic exercise

and the quest of knowledge related to them; we could say **Ophthalmology in Images** has been gladly accepted by our readers.

During these two years a total of 63 scientific papers in 9 issues (including that of the last quarter of 2012), mainly by national authors (and a 54% share of residents participation)<sup>1</sup> and with some international contributions from Venezuela, Guatemala, Israel and the United States (Editorials) were published, after their extensive review by national and international members of the editorial board who sometimes suggested corrections to the submitting authors for the final version of the paper and its publication.

It's worth recalling that a scientific paper is that whose primary yield is showing the results of a scientific investigation and thereby is an original publication<sup>2</sup>. It is a paper that before being published must comply with all the requisites under which it's going to be revised and must include all the procedures pertaining the experiments performed so that they can be repeated by other investigators, clearly described in full text<sup>3</sup>.

After complying with all the requisites requested by COLCIENCIAS for the re-indexation process, we are waiting for such notification for the period 2014-2016. We have raised our standards in order to ask for a near future new evaluation aiming at improving the indexation level and therefore draw more national and international authors who would see publishing in our journal an incentive for their academic careers.

Finally I'd like to congratulate specially Luis Fernando Mejia MD, member of the editorial board, who has worked generously and selflessly helping to achieve the reached goals and also to all colleagues at the editorial

board. I hope that all and every one of you, ophthalmologists and residents alike, keep on supporting our journal and its new Editor-in-Chief Omar Fernando Salamanca MD, who will keep on leading this altruistic job in benefit of the Colombian Ophthalmology.

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