

Editorial note

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This issue of the magazine marks the beginning of a new year of activity and an opportunity to take a look back and try to take stock of what we did in the last year from the time I took office as Director and Editor the magazine. Nevertheless, this is primarily an opportunity to identify our mistakes and find solutions.

We reformed and expanded the Scientific and Editorial Committee of the magazine with distinguished scientists most of whom have Ph Ds or Master's Degrees in our area of interest or related areas. This aims to meet local and international requirements that will lead to a better categorization, inclusion in more databases, and moving closer to the dream of being indexed internationally.

We publish the magazine according to a strict schedule with increasing numbers of original domestic and foreign papers. All are peer reviewed and meet with our rigorous publication policies.

We were successful at preventing reconsideration of our categorization and keeping it at the previous year's level. This has again stimulated submission of articles for publication. The magazine's executive board has now sent the necessary documents for Publindex to study classifying our magazine, and we expect a positive response to our application.

The ongoing support of the Colombian Association of Gastroenterology allows us to function smoothly financially although we believe much needed advertising industry revenue is insufficient, given the quality of the journal.

Despite our efforts, and because the process of analyzing each scientific work each has short response times, in some cases our peer reviewers are still not diligent enough at this task which results unnecessary publishing anxieties.

The management team of the magazine and the English translation do the editorial work easily, and to them we give our thanks. By the same token, we thank the companies that believe in us and support the magazine.

The Colombian Review of Gastroenterology will be what Colombian gastroenterologists, endoscopists, coloproctologists and hepatologists want it to be.

The editorial team is committed to continuing with the same or greater enthusiasm.