

Words from the editor

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Best regards on behalf of our beloved journal's editorial committee. It has been almost two years of hard work from the group currently leading the journal's direction, which is why we want to look back and assess what we have done as well as the changes we have achieved.

We have always intended to issue a journal that is appealing, useful and compelling for our readers, without neglecting the path of internationalization and professionalism.

One of our first achievements has been to invert the pyramid, which I have mentioned in previous issues, aiming at working for the people that matter most to the journal: our readers. Thanks to all of you, the journal has a meaning since we have placed our efforts into supporting and solving your doubts, as well as creating enjoyable articles with which you can have a good time; secondly, we have the authors, who kindly share their work and experiences, all off this with the review of an increasingly large number of reviewers that add scientific quality to the journal.

With the same purpose and driven by the coronavirus pandemic, we created the digital version of our journal; with this, we have managed to reach a larger audience, achieve a greater dissemination, and an increased number of published articles while saving costs, avoiding the use of paper and reducing the obsolescence of the articles so that they are more up-to-date and published as fast as possible. All of the above translates into an immediate availability and a better accessibility both for the reader and the author.

One of the activities that makes us the proudest is academization, which we have intended to carry out through the presentation and self-study of specialized editing modules, so that all members of the committee can academically and thoroughly contribute, fostering growth in terms of knowledge that would subsequently be transmitted to the editorial process. We have worked to expand the number of reviewers, who are more available to revise the articles submitted to the editorial process, and we have generated incentives and recognition for all editors that have contributed throughout the journal's history; authors and reviewers have always been diligent with their submissions.

Aiming at attracting the reader, we have updated all of our designs and perfected the quality the of our photography and editorial design, which has been key to make an incursion into social networks such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter since a large scientific community that constantly interacts, comments and shares various points of view on the digestive science has emerged. Likewise, we have uploaded the latest issues, in addition to other publications, in the historical portal of the journal in PDF format, so that they are more easily searched, consulted and shared through emails and other widely used applications such as WhatsApp.

At an editing level, we comply with the international demands of having a unique ID for each article through the DOI (Digital Object Identification) as well as for each researcher through their CV in ORCID (Open Researcher and Contributor ID). In the last few months, we have adapted to all the requirements of the PubMed Central database, and we are currently being revised aspiring to be included in this important and valuable publisher, which is independent and committed to science. We believe we have great possibilities of being accepted, which would make us glad and would make us feel more responsible for our work; otherwise, we would have taken a critical step leading us to review improvement opportunities in order to continue our path towards excellence.

This time, in addition to the regular publication of issues, we have published an emergency supplement regarding

coronavirus and digestive risks, as well as an update supplement about inflammatory diseases, and two additional supplements on interesting clinical cases; this due to the needs perceived by our scientific community.

All of this work has always been possible thanks to the quality of the current journal's committee members and assistant.

With these remarks, I have intended to present an assessment and think about the things we have done right in the past and what we have to improve in the present, in addition to looking into the future and giving a glimpse at the challenges that await our new and exceptional editors, who will continue to work proudly in our *Revista Colombiana de Gastroenterología*. We will face this challenge keeping in mind the same motto we have had for the last two years: "A journal from all to all".