PRESENTATION

Seventieth anniversary of the Hospital Infantil de México Federico Gómez

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Since its foundation, Hospital Infantil de México Federico Gómez has established a policy to support scientific research. According to this, the General Directorate of the institution and the Department of Investigation adopted a key strategy to boost scientific thinking in all aspects including support for training young researchers with an interdisciplinary perspective.

As a mechanism to achieve that purpose, the General Directorate of the hospital has established a program of economic and organizational support for young students who have expressed their desire and willingness to train as researchers. To this end, in recent years, the hospital has actively participated in proposing candidates for grants for early-onset research (PROBEI), which are designed for graduate students of various health-related branches. CARSO scholarships are awarded to physicians during the process of clinical training and Aaron Saenz scholarships are awarded to promote research, particularly among residents of medical specialties.

Given the importance of human capital to achieve a health-conscious community and with the capacity of facing the challenges of an increasingly complex reality, Hospital Infantil de México Federico Gómez has invested much of its efforts to identify, promote and facilitate the work of research groups that have recruited these young physicians to begin the dual career path of medical practice and scientific investigation.

For this reason, it is particularly significant to present the results of the investigations carried out by this talented young group of investigators in a special issue of the *Boletín Médico Hospital Infantil de México* commemorating the 70th anniversary of the founding of our institution.

We are pleased that in this special issue the results of different studies will be presented and the efforts will be showcased of groups of researchers awarded scholarships along with staff members as a promise and guarantee of the talent and dedication of young Mexican scientists working in the field of child health.

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