

A new name for our journal, the old desire to excel

Un nuevo nombre para nuestra revista, el viejo deseo de superación

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From this issue, our journal changes its name, but it will continue with its determined vocation in favor of the dissemination of cardiovascular science and proud to be the scientific vehicle of our organization, ANCAM, and the sister societies with which we compose a tight academic and professional bundle. This change was approved by the Executive Board of ANCAM, a year ago, but it took a long time to overcome the bureaucratic difficulties imposed by the corresponding authorities.

What were the reasons for modifying the name with which this publication was founded? To begin with, it was somehow contradictory that a journal written in English language had at the same time a title in Spanish. But, on the other hand, fiercely proud as we are of the cultural and linguistic legacy of our beloved country, it seemed inappropriate to simply translate the original name of the journal into English. So, in order to amalgamate both editorial consistency, national pride and the need to attract both readers and authors beyond our borders, it was decided to rename our publication as *Cardiovascular and Metabolic Science – Continuation of the Revista Mexicana de Cardiología*. In this way we align idiomatically title and texts, maintaining at the same time the historical memory of our original name, as a constant and deserved recognition of the Journal founder, Dr. José Navarro.

The visibility of our Journal has increased remarkably since we moved to English, but we are still far from attracting many national and foreign authors, because, as it happens with the vast majority of Mexican medical publications, we do not have a significant impact factor (IF). As it is known,

IF is measured dividing the number of times the published articles are cited by indexed journals in a particular lapse, by the number of citable papers published in the same length of time. Although it is not the only way to evaluate the scientific quality of a publication, and it is conflicted with a lot of biases and shortcomings, it is indeed the simpler and more reliable method to compare a journal with others of the same category and fields of interest.

Those responsible for increasing the scientific prestige of our publication, are not only the Editor-in-Chief and his Editorial Committee, but the entire membership. The fundamental asset of a medical journal is the quality of the material it receives, the relevance and rigor of the submitted articles sent for qualification and publication. So, we have to do, as a professional and scientific community, an extraordinary effort to attain more quality in our papers, in order to increase the possibility of get citations in other indexed journals. The next step, relatively easy to achieve, is to be recognized by PubMed, the powerful search engine of MEDLINE database of biomedical issues, so that the articles published in this Journal can achieve more visibility in the net. An unavoidable request to be in MEDLINE is to have an automated platform handling the complex process of sending and receiving publishable materials, their peer review and the final decision to accept or reject them. In a short time will be setting up a system of that nature that will demand, at the beginning, more time to our colleagues who accept to be the reviewers of the articles sent to the journal. In advance, we express our gratitude and appreciation for these ungrateful but indispensable tasks.

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Our Association, from its early beginning, has had an overwhelming and incessant growth. Together with the fraternal associated cardiological organizations, we represent the intelligence and cardiological wisdom of the country. We need badly a journal up to our success and our dreams.

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