

Congratulations

Felicitación

This 2019 marks the 39th anniversary of the journal *Cirujano General*. Three years ago, Dr. Abilene C. Escamilla-Ortiz was appointed Editor of our journal and since then, in addition to the online publication, she has taken it to social media, Facebook and Twitter, where important topics for editors and authors are discussed. Additionally, she advises those interested on better writing and structure of their manuscripts. In addition, Dr. Escamilla has undertaken the work of digitizing the historical archive from its inception in 1980, to 1999, so that all numbers are available online.

After being accepted in the Scientific Electronic Library Online (SciELO) index, Mexico, in 2012, and the numbers appearing online until 2014, our journal stopped being published, so the collection in the SciELO index was discontinued. After almost a year of inactivity and adjustments, Abilene was appointed Editor, and thanks to her efforts we restarted negotiations with SciELO, so that our journal continues in the index. For this, it will be necessary to put the missing numbers online.

Currently, in addition to receiving contributions from different states of our country, and as it has become informed in recent editorial symposia, *Cirujano General* receives papers from Central and South America, including Cuba, and also from Spain, among other countries.

Thanks to the impulse of Dr. Abilene Escamilla, the journal has been gaining prestige among other national publications, in such a way that at the beginning of 2018, the current president, Dr. Eduardo Moreno-Paquentín, myself, as Vice President, and the Executive Director, Dr. Francisco Campos, took the decision to turn *Cirujano General* into a bilingual publication to increase its visibility and the number of citations.

For all of the above, on my own behalf and that of the Board of Directors of our Association, I want to extend the warmest congratulations to Dr. Escamilla for her commitment and achievements. Also, I reiterate the assurance of my trust and finally, I invite everyone to join in this work and continue to send their contributions. In this way, our journal *Cirujano General* shall be the national benchmark that we all want.

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