



Editorial

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Annals of Hepatology (AH) is the only journal in Latin America fully dedicated to publishing clinical and basic research on hepatology, which was founded in 2002. We are very proud that AH is the official journal of the Mexican Association of Hepatology, the Latin American Association for Study of the Liver, and the Canadian Association for the Study of the Liver. However, I would like to emphasize that none of these associations contributes with any economic support to AH, making it economically independent from them. We were celebrating the first impact factor in 2010, our journal is well-known not only for its knowledge dissemination but also for its role in developing and enhancing new ideas, and producing research publications that make us much more significant and relevant for science. Along with an increased number of submissions, the number of associate editors and the editorial board have also grown. In 2016 we have been working with the best specialists from Italy, Spain, United States,

Canada, Germany, UK, The Netherlands, Chile, Argentina, China, Peru, Portugal, Brazil, Czech Republic, South Africa and Mexico; each of them responsible for the quality and impact of our journal. AH has its own website, with the journal management system Editorial Manager, good website navigation, well-constructed pages, a simple and professional design, compatible on different browsers, and now with statistical graphics which contains information on the published material, and available from a variety of sources. We are working every day to improve the quality, visibility and impact factor.

Finally, in my role of the editor-in-chief and founder of AH, I would like to thank Medica Sur Clinic & Foundation for the superb and continuous support to publish the journal in the last years. We are happy to provide for all interested hepatologists worldwide and the three national associations a scientific forum to disseminate their clinical and research reports and views.

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