Editorial

Times of Change

Tiempos de Cambio

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In times of change, learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exist.
Eric Hoffer

The dissemination of scientific findings is carried out through two fundamental channels: publications (whether specialized or aimed at the general public) and personal communication at scientific congresses or directly with other colleagues. While in the first case hard and careful work is required at multiple stages with different impacts, in the second it can only be carried out with certain knowledge of the language that we all share for this function. And we must bear in mind that while a publication is unidirectional, a debate or a conversation allows dialogue, which is much more fruitful when it comes to establishing confrontations of ideas or preparing future collaborations with researchers from other countries.

In these times of pandemic we have been filled with «courses», «Webinars» and «Sessions» thought at the beginning, which were going to allow that dialogue between peers and the reality is that they have only become monologues absent of discussion and why not, of corrections before failures and errors in the presentation. On the other hand, the impact of this form of communication no longer only reaches the local and regional level, we have more and more news of visualizations in multiple countries and continents but without a participation, hence the importance, once again, of a common language will exceed our most optimistic expectations and will force many changes in the coming years. Therefore, it is important that doctors in training and their teachers learn and perfect the use of English in a way that allows them not only to understand science, but to connect with other people on a planet increasingly similar to a single home.

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