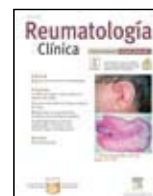




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Editorial

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REUMATOLOGÍA CLÍNICA. Un futuro prometedor para recorrer juntos

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Today, *Reumatología Clínica* (RC) is a journal with a modern and attractive look that complies with the strictest quality precepts for scientific medical journals. Its current standing, expressed in a simple and precise manner in Dr Janitzia Vázquez-Mellado's editorial, has required however a great deal of dedication and work on the part of every member composing the editorial group, as well as the executive staff of the SER and CMR, and of all of the rheumatologists who directly or indirectly have collaborated in achieving the fact that RC becoming the most read and cited Spanish language rheumatology journal in the world. Therefore, my most heartfelt recognition and congratulations to the work developed during Dr Vázquez-Mellado's tenure, which became a fundamental and indispensable pillar in the adventure of creating a joint Mexican-Spaniard journal.

Without a doubt, RC is a journal that is sensibly better in both structure and content than its predecessors (*Revista Española de Reumatología* and *Revista Mexicana de Reumatología*). The journal has also been a fundamental element in the growing relationship and collaboration between Spanish-speaking rheumatologists and has become. Additionally, in the main opinion and expression forum of rheumatology scientific content of this whole community; however there is still a long way to go.

When, in 2005 we started on the adventure of creating RC, we planned in a more or less long-term fashion to turn this into a solid rheumatology journal, which could be included among the most important scientific databases, and which we envisioned becoming an irrefutable reference in the Spanish language, capable even of competing for original content with other similar, non-Spanish language journals.

In 2006, a year after its creation, we decided to introduce ourselves to Medline. It was a first contact and, although our real expectations on success were scarce, the objective was to know the strong and weak points of our journal for future attempts. The journal was generally well evaluated, but unfortunately unable to be included in Medline.

As a fruit of this first attempt and of the comments made to us we have proceeded with a profound remodeling of the journal that has led to changes in both its structure and content. With reference to structure, we have reordered the editorial committees and widened the international assessing committee and in a parallel manner, changed the editorial format. This has given more power to the editorial group and sensibly improved the image of the journal. Regarding content, we have included formation articles, as in continuing medical formation sections and the clinical and pathological case discussions, as well as evaluating and including material from other medical specialties related to rheumatology (rehabilitation, trauma, family medicine) , and have started publishing consensus documents in the form of original articles. With this we believe that the sphere of influence of RC can be widened to other medical specialties, rheumatologists in training and health authorities.

As all of you should know, in mid-2009 we have presented ourselves to Medline once again and I believe we have much better chances of success. Entry into this prestigious database would represent a qualitative leap in consolidating our journal as one of the most prestigious in the world of rheumatology. But even if we achieve this, we have but begun on our journey: there is still a long way journey ahead, envisioned by every one of us before RC becomes the rheumatology reference in Spanish-speaking countries. A journey that has started with favourable winds and that, with the maintained effort of all, I am sure will reach a safe harbor. As editor in chief, I am proud to head such a great vessel in such an exciting and crucial moment of its journey. We, all of the members of the editorial group, remain committed to not wasting a single effort in order to see RC reach the horizon we have envisioned.

“Yes, we can!!!”

Barack Obama's presidential campaign slogan, 2008.

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