

**Salus: a Journal in search for global expansion.**

Eighteen years ago Salus was born under the leadership of professors María Jordán de Pelayo, Gladys Salas de Febres, Wolfan Araque and Ricardo Montoreano, with the support of Dean Prof. Vianney Graffe de Yanes. Today, we are aware of the solid scientific production that our Faculty of Health Sciences has developed, which has been on the increase in terms of the number of publications in indexed journals. In the last five years the visibility of Salus has progressed since it is being included into reknown indexes such as SciELO Venezuela, Latindex Catalogue, EMBASE, REVENCYT (Venezuelan Registry of Scientific and Technological Publications), FONACIT (National Science and Technology Fund), Redalyc (Latin American and the Caribbean, Spain and Portugal Network of Scientific Journals); databases: PERIODICA, DOAJ, Scopus, and directories: ASEREME (Association of Venezuelan Biomedical Journals).

Our aim is for Salus to gain both national and international prestige so that in time faculty, students and workers will all feel proud of it, not only within the context of our Faculty of Health Sciences but of the whole University of Carabobo. We expect that, due to its high quality, Salus very soon will become a must among the specialized literature in the scientific and humanistic fields. We are willing to welcome all those professionals that outstand in their research efforts, under the precepts of freedom, democracy and, above all, ethical principles.

There is, however, the need to publish more and in less time; and the inability of many indexed journals to evaluate and publish in a short time call for the use of new technologies and the cyberspace. This leads to resorting to additional quality indicators such as: journal impact index, journal immediacy index, Science Citation Index, in order to measure the various dimensions within the wide and complex concept of both quality of the publication and productivity.

Here we recall some words of master Inaudy Bolívar "It is a long path the university life. Before me were the mystic pioneers, the admirable founders, the great professionals clearing the roads, dreaming of a famous and defying institution, and from those dreams a large and giving University of Carabobo was born, and since then it is a university that creates, creates itself, and opens fountains to quench the thirst for knowledge; it is a fast track for the increase of values; haughty, reliable and open in thought, unrelenting in the search for truth and an open book for nourishing the intellect of students and teachers on the ascent; and it will keep on being this way: flexible, adaptable,

perfectible, humanist, cutting-edge, sensitive, expansive, blameless, loyal, fair and reflexive".

In a manner of speaking, our country needs to be lead by men and women well prepared to design, capture, evaluate, adapt and negotiate the appropriate technologies for our growth, research being the main means to reach such goals. And for this to happen our society demands academic protection to be and to develop, as well as to achieve the proper structuring of a fair and honorable social system for advancing toward a complex global expansion, pulling down frontiers that are debating between order and chaos.

Needless to say that the human resource is the essence for development, and it is in the universities that it is formed, hence the responsibility we have today for obtaining a top quality one, committed with the reality of our country, with a specific training in the required field, with high ethical and moral values and with a vision of the future that will guarantee what is needed for Venezuela to reach a desirable level of global participation and competitiveness. It is the university the one that can consecrate such dear demands of its existential rythm, by making history.

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