



Editorial

EMERGER Project: new team members and first changes

Just a few lines in this editorial to tell you about the first changes made by the new management team of EMERGENCIAS. As we had already announced, one of the main objectives of this new phase is to enjoy a better level of communication with our readers, informing you first hand of all changes geared to place our publication in its rightful position. We would like EMERGER to be a project shared by all.

As some of you may have noticed, two new writers joined our editorial team in the last issue of EMERGENCIAS. On one hand, Dr. Andrés Pacheco Rodríguez, the leading physician in Emergency Medicine in Spain, and one of the first mobile ICU doctors and founder, in 1987 of one of the first mobile emergency services in our country – Emergencias Ciudad Real–, which is still operative today. As is the case with many of us, he is a general practitioner with a university specialization in Extra-hospitalary Emergency Medicine (Complutense University of Madrid). His academic ambitions led him to be trained as Incident Command System Expert C (National Association of Emergency Medical System Physicians–NAEMSP– USA), and to obtain an International Masters Degree in Medical Paedagogy (University of Castilla-La Mancha –UCLM–). He is also a Doctor of Medicine, from the University of Salamanca. His doctoral thesis on extra-hospitalary fibrinolysis in 1995 was the first ever written in Spain within the emergency services setting. After having spent some time as hospital emergency physician in the SESCAM-La Mancha Centro de Alcázar de San Juan Hospital (where he worked as coordinator of the medicalized ambulance, of the Hospital Catastrophes Plan and secretary of the catastrophe committee of the area SESCAM- La Mancha Centro), he resumed his work in extra-hospitalary emergencies in the province of Ciudad Real (Emergencia Ciudad Real/SES-CAM. Among his areas of interest are the prehospital handling of acute coronary syndrome, prehospital cardiopulmonary resuscitation, Extra-hospital Emergency Services (SEMEx), the pocket personal computer information and documentation programme for SEMEx (ALFORJA.SiMeUrGe), and the Simulation of Multiple Casualty Incidents (SiMuLe). He is currently the scientific secretary of SEMES-Castilla La Mancha).

On the other hand, Dr. Miguel Sánchez Sánchez, an inter-

nal medicine specialist, has worked as an *emergencist* since having completed his residency back in 1993. As a doctor in Medicine, he is a certified emergency physician (CME) and has completed his training as an emergency physician at the Hartford Hospital in Connecticut (United States). He is currently working in the Hospital Clinic of Barcelona as department head of the emergency services. His areas of interest include acute coronary syndrome, management of quality in hospital emergency services and teaching basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation techniques. He has written more than 50 papers in the field of emergency medicine and has edited the book “Clinical Guides in Medical Emergencies” (Ed. Elsevier). Since 2004 he is a member of the National Management Board of SEMES, in his capacity as secretary of the area on clinical guidelines.

A portion of the research contributions of our new editors are included in the bibliography¹⁻²⁴. Their main task will be to assist in the supervision and improvement of the papers accepted for publication in EMERGENCIAS. Improvement in the writing style together with finishing touches to the methodological aspects are of capital importance to increase the overall scientific quality of EMERGENCIAS. We must not forget that the ultimate goal of this editorial team is the publication's international projection.

We must also mention that, as of this issue, EMERGENCIAS will have National and International Editorial Boards. The creation of these boards is highly advisable for any publication aiming at inclusion in the international bibliometric indexes, for two reasons. Firstly, because external assessors assume that the publication is implicitly backed by the members of such boards. Secondly, because one of the aspects most valued by the assessors is the relevance that the Editorial Board members may have within the scientific field of the publication, as well as an objective appraisal of their scientific professional careers. It is therefore evident that these factors – relevance and scientific productivity – have prevailed in the formation of such boards. Although this has already been done in person, we once again wish to thank the new members for their kindness in accepting our invitation to form part of our boards.

Finally, the editorial committee has undertaken a renovation with regard to the group of consultants to whom papers have normally been sent for assessment. It is time to express our gratitude for this enormous, disinterested and necessary task aimed at improving the quality of the articles. The new changes and additions are already noticeable in his issue. We would like to take the opportunity to publicly welcome the new members who, hereinafter, shall form the Expert Committee. The aim of this renovation is two fold. On one hand, to speed up assessment of works received and replacing colleagues who have requested not to continue with this task. On the other hand, to work not only with expert clinicians in the usual fields covered by the journal, but also with professionals who publish on a regular basis and who may guide the authors in clinical, methodological, statistical and even style aspects of the manuscripts.

Consultancy work will, however, not be restricted to the Expert Committee alone. We shall from time to time require the participation of experts in areas not covered by the existing panel, or might need new experts to assist in this task. For this reason at the end of the year and coincidental with the last issue of EMERGENCIAS, the list of consultants who are not part of the Expert Committee but have helped to review manuscripts will be published. This makes the Expert Committee the most dynamic of all, and in time it will incorporate all of those who, on a regular and satisfactory basis, carry out consultancy tasks.

Such changes are just the beginning and, without doubt, will not be the last. Nothing will stop our progress towards the goals set in the EMERGER project²⁵, to which we are fully committed. In order to achieve this, the collaboration and understanding of all our readers with these and other changes made in the future are essential and necessary. Our commitment is to keep you informed of changes as these occur. Your commitment is none other than to read the journal as well as send us research papers, clinical notes, images and letters reflecting the exciting field of emergency medicine, its wide spectrum of clinical situations, its potential in terms of organization and management, the necessary dissemination of extra-hospitalary or emergency medicine, the difficult task of health care coordination, medical attention to multiple casualties and international catastrophes or medical air transport, to name but a few. In short, our star (the emergency patient) deserves the same level of scientific findings and clinical research as that which he receives in terms of our own professional practice and attention. Furthermore, this must be done by physicians as well as nurses, technicians, coordinators and managers of emergency health care organizations. Our very own channel for scientific expression, EMERGENCIAS, can certainly vouch for this.

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