

EDITORIAL

An amazing 10 years

La Década Prodigiosa

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Undoubtedly, each generation, each person, has a prodigious decade. Years lived with intensity in a dizzying succession of events, accompanied by the achievement of milestones unimaginable a priori and that entail a growth that will no longer be repeated. A period that you will never forget, because when you look back, the memories of it permeates us, alive and nostalgic at the same time, in a perennial way.

EMERGENCIAS has just completed theirs. With its acceptance last June in PubMed/MedLine, it closes ten years plagued with chained successes. Ten years that began with the EMERGER project, which now sees the completion of the road map that was drawn at the time¹. This latest objective means that, from now on, the works published in EMERGENCIAS will be collected and can be consulted in PubMed/MedLine, the most used search engine for medical scientific articles in the world. Three attempts were necessary to achieve this recognition. On 5 possible points, it is required that any magazine that chooses to be included in MedLine gets at least 3.75 to be accepted. EMERGENCIAS were valued with 2.0 points in 2010, 2.8 in 2012 and, finally, 3.75 in 2017. Objective met.

Allow me a brief description of PubMed/MedLine, just to put in perspective what does it mean to EMERGENCIAS to be part of this repertoire. PubMed is a search engine with free access to the MedLine database, owned by the National Library of Medicine of the United States. MedLine contains citations and abstracts of biomedical research articles from some 4,800 journals published in the United States and more than 70 countries around the world, from 1966 to the present, and contains nearly 30 million references. In general, the journals indexed in MedLine have the characteristic of meeting the uniformity requirements for biomedical journals, or Vancouver standards. The inclusion in the MedLine repertoire is a seal of guarantee of editorial quality and content, and compliance with ethical standards. The committee that decides the inclusion of new journals in MedLine meets three times a year and evaluates the requests, of which approximately 15% end up obtaining a positive evaluation. Also, every year, titles of magazines are written off. Therefore, EMERGENCIAS has entered into a dynamic repertoire that will

force it to maintain the quality standards achieved and that, in some way, constitutes the gold standard of the biomedical journal repertoires².

It is so easy to identify EMERGENCIAS today as a quality scientific journal, as it is difficult to recognize it in its format 10 years ago. The change has been important. Although some of these changes have been presented in a timely manner in different publishers³⁻⁶, I have tried to collect in Table 1 the most outstanding, which I think have had a greater impact on the maturity reached by the Magazine and that have helped, in one way or another, to achieve these successes. Undoubtedly, many transformations and projects, always

Table 1. Main changes made in EMERGENCIAS throughout the EMERGER project

1	Peer review of all indexable articles (scientific rigor)
2	Restructuring the contents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More original works - Less clinical notes and images - Prioritize systematic reviews and meta-analyses - Custom editorials for research leaders, both national and international - New sections (Point of view, Global Emergency Medicine, EMERGENCIAS in 5 minutes)
3	Defence of the Spanish language as the vehicular language of EMERGENCIAS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Full maintenance of the Spanish version in the print edition - Collaboration with Academic Emergency Medicine for translation of its abstracts in Spanish (period 2012-2014) - Publication of a Style Manual (2013) - MEDES Award (MEDicina en Español) (2013)
4	Full English translation of all EMERGENCIAS contents in the web version (since 2007)
5	International authorship (~ 10% of the contents)
6	Step to the predominantly digital format for partners (print run of 9,000 to 900 copies)
7	Open-access maintenance, for the entire scientific community (free)
8	Complete renewal of the web page and creation of social networks of EMERGENCIAS (Facebook, Tweeter, ...)
9	Continuing medical training courses (half-yearly, 5 credits of FMC) (since 2010)
10	Global Emergency Medicine Project: alliance with top-level journals in the specialty of Emergency and Emergency Medicine to disseminate their contents reciprocally (since 2015) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Annals of Emergency Medicine - Emergency Medicine Journal - African Journal of Emergency Medicine - Hong Kong Journal of Emergency Medicine

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Table 2. People who have participated in the EMERGER editorial project (in alphabetical order)

Scientific Editorial Team
Aitor Alquézar
Guillermo Burillo
Agustín Julián
Andrés Pacheco
Javier Martín-Sánchez
Alonso Mateos
Óscar Miró
Fernando Rosell
Miquel Sánchez
Santiago Tomás
Manuel Vázquez-Lima
Scientific English editorial team
Silvia Borrás
Mary Hellen Kerns
Michael McLean
Sebastián McLean
Sanidad y Ediciones editorial team (SANED)
Carmen Castelaín
Susana Díez
Carmen Ibáñez
Alicia Martínez
Ana Romero

Table 3. Current indexing of EMERGENCIAS in the databases and repertoires of scientific journals

Índice Médico Español (IMA)
Índice Bibliográfico Español en Ciencias de la Salud (IBECS)
Scientific Electronic Library Online (SCIELO)
DIALNET
CUIDEN
Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL)
Sistema Regional de Información en Línea para Revistas Científicas de América Latina, el Caribe, España y Portugal (Latindex)
Scopus
Science Citation Index Expanded (SCI-E)
Journal Citation Reports (JCR)
Medline/PubMed

aimed at a single purpose: the continuous improvement of the quality of the Journal.

From the editorial point of view, the success of the EMERGER project is attributable in the first person to all those who have participated in the editorial work of the Magazine throughout this Prodigious Decade and who have allowed, every two months and punctually, a new number (Table 2). An invaluable team of collaborators, who have offered many hours of their best time, owing to their families, to obtain the final product that today is EMERGENCIAS. They have been the true architects of the change and the ones who have allowed EMERGENCIAS to be in all relevant bibliometric publications repertoires (Table 3).

But the final quality of the Magazine has been granted, without a doubt, by the articles that the authors have entrusted to EMERGENCIAS for its dissemination.

Articles that during these years have been coming more frequently to EMERGENCIAS and that have forced their editorial team to be increasingly selective in their decision making. Proof of this is that the global acceptance index of 2016 stood at 16%, since the number of articles published each year, as well as the number of pages published by the Journal, have remained relatively stable (Figure 1). And the editorial load of EMERGENCIAS has not only grown in volume, but also in complexity. Thus, the roles of the editorial team have had to intensify, at the same time that they have also diversified according to the new contents and sections that the Magazine has been acquiring. In this sense, its growing internationalization is noteworthy. Two examples of this are the Global Emergency Medicine project, launched in 2015; and the number of foreign authors, which in 2016 involved 9% of the published works, with authors from France, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Switzerland, the United States, Singapore, Cuba, Ecuador and Australia.

Nothing would have been possible if the successive Boards of Directors of the Spanish Society of Emergency and Emergency Medicine, SEMES, owner of EMERGENCIAS, had not supported each and every one of the initiatives that the EMERGER project laun-

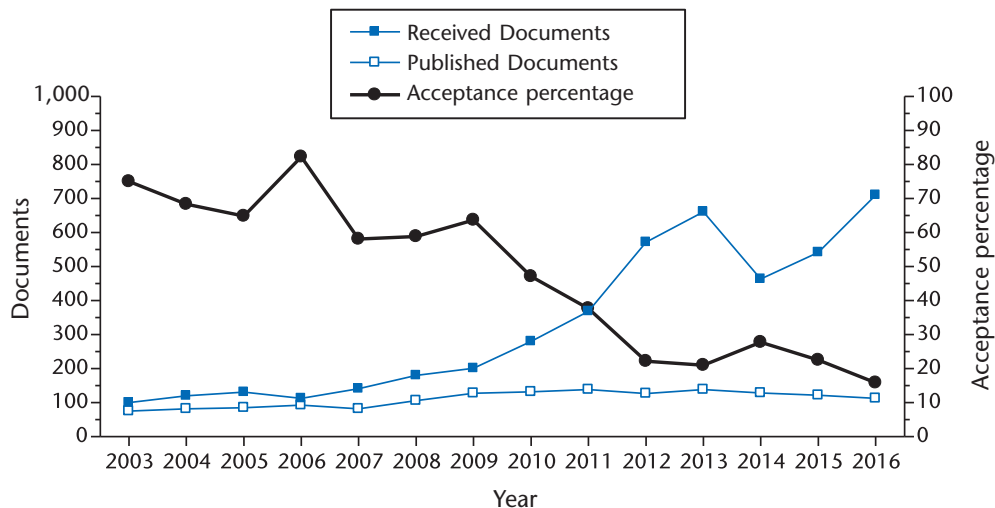


Figure 1. Evolution of the works received and published in EMERGENCIAS.

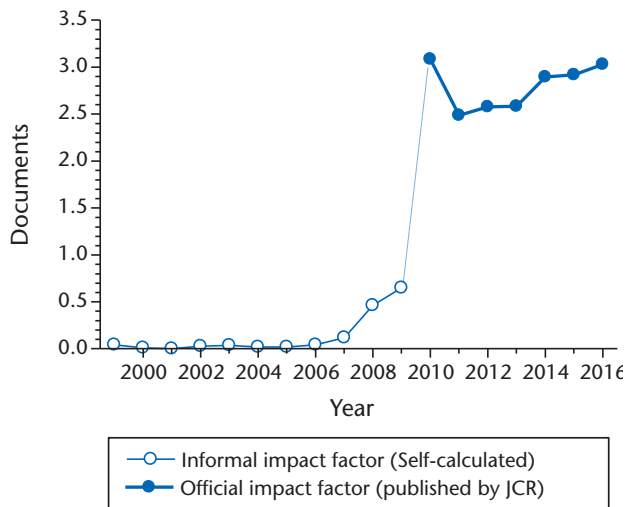


Figure 2. Evolution of the EMERGENCY impact factor.

ched 10 years ago. In the belief that EMERGENCIAS is the perfect presentation card of what this scientific society represents, a symbiotic relationship of special benefit and relevance has been established. And this support is even more appreciated if one takes into account that during this decade, marked by the biggest economic crisis in recent history, EMERGENCIAS went from being profitable to onerous for SEMES. And this despite the shift towards a digital format, increasingly appreciated and demanded, and that has meant going from mailing about 10,000 copies of each issue at the beginning of this period to less than



Figure 3. Ten years do not count? (left: Óscar Miró, 2007, right: Óscar Miró, 2017).

1,000 copies of the printed edition at the present time. And in addition, with the added merit of not supposing an additional cost for the partner and continue to maintain its electronic format completely open and free for the entire research community. And bilingual, in Spanish and English. The success of EMERGENCIAS is also, therefore, a success of the determination of SEMES to carry out a project of maximum scientific relevance. Thanks, then, to the presidents of SEMES who, during this Prodigious Decade, did nothing but trust in EMERGENCIAS and help it grow: Luis Jiménez Murillo, Tomás Toranzo Cepeda and Juan J. González Armengol.

In this way, the prestige of the Magazine could do nothing but to grow along with these advances. Probably the most demonstrative element of this is the impact factor (Figure 2), which has placed EMERGENCIAS



Figura 4. Equipo editorial de EMERGENCIAS en junio 2017 recogiendo el reconocimiento de SEMES por la la trayectoria de la Revista durante los últimos 10 años en el marco del proyecto EMERGER (de izquierda a derecha, Guillermo Burillo, Manuel José Vázquez Lima, Óscar Miró, Aitor Alquézar, Fernando Rosell, Agustín Julián y Francisco Javier Martín-Sánchez).

from its inclusion in Journal Citation Reports in the first quartile of its specialty: Emergency Medicine. Curious situation, if you face all this baggage to the position of a "contumaz" administration (definition of the Royal Spanish Academy: "rebel, stubborn and tenacious in maintaining an error"), which denies specialized training to its professionals, at least to whom exercise it in the civil environment^{7,8}.

Ten years pass quickly, but not in vain (Figure 3). It is time to look for new objectives and to draw up a new project that is ambitious and exciting for all of us: readers, researchers, academics, experts, educators, professionals in practice; in short, for all those who find in EMERGENCIAS a point of confluence for the advancement in the knowledge of any aspect related to the Emergency Medicine and Emergencies. We will see if we are able to find it, and make this Prodigious Decade an intermediate step. Difficult. In any case, in the memory of the editorial team will remain forever these years lived together, intense work, in close proximity to our readers. And, undoubtedly, the act of recognition of these ten years of work that, coinciding with the XXIX National Congress of SEMES, Pere Llorens Soriano was commissioned to coordinate, will have a very prominent place (Figure 4). That day, and you know it, Pere, we all went to sleep with a warm heart. And that, pays for everything.

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