

EDITORIAL

Change: a driver of growth for EMERGENCIAS

Mutatis Mutandis: el cambio como motor de crecimiento de EMERGENCIAS

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EMERGENCIAS evolves with the ultimate goal of improving. After the EMERGER project, which began in 2007¹ and during a decade of change that has led to its recent entry into PubMed², it is time to raise new challenges. And after a few months of meditating and discussing them with colleagues, I believe that these new objectives should focus on a double direction.

Firstly: the time has come to redesign the contents of EMERGENCIAS, modulating the theme and the extension of the sections that already exist, and creating new ones. Among the latter, I think there must be space for communications capable of transmitting all the emotional baggage that the practice of our specialty treasures. A baggage that those more experienced must know how to communicate and infect into the younger generations. All in all, this entire process will be progressive, and even prolonged, as it is a rare type of section, which is not standardized in scientific journals, at least on a regular basis. I give as an example to follow the "Change of shift" section of the Annals of Emergency Medicine, which I recommend reading regularly. Another example of transformation: the revision works. From now on they should be systematic reviews and meta-analyses, and narrative reviews will be left aside, which sometimes provide a non-objective view of the current state of knowledge. For this type of perspective, we will continue counting on the sections "Points of view" and "Special articles", which will also evolve towards a format that allows to transmit better assistance, organizational, teaching or research experiences. Undoubtedly, the experiences in Emergency Medicine (EM) are more multiple and polyhedral than in other specialties and sharing them can enrich other colleagues.

In second place and in parallel, the Magazine must grow in its quality and, as a reflection of it, in its impact factor (IF). To achieve this, it must be able to establish itself as the vehicle for the transmission of the best research papers published in Spain in the specialty of EM. Both by our specialists and by other colleagues from similar specialties who investigate cross-cutting issues in the field of EM. Therefore, the sections "Originals" and "Brief originals" must have a more growing role, greater if possible than the one so far, since the works published in them are the best rated and most read and, therefore, the most

cited. The IF of EMERGENCIAS has remained very stable since 2010, fluctuating between 2.5 and 33, while that of the competing journals of its specialty has been, overall, on the rise. If EMERGENCIAS wants to maintain its privileged position (currently in third position among the 24 journals in the category), it must make an effort to publish high quality works. It is expected that within 5-10 years the main EM journals have doubled their IF (currently Resuscitation, which ranked first in 2016, obtained an IF of 5,230), and EMERGENCIAS should not be left behind. We believe that well accompanied and surrounded by the confidence of the best Spanish researchers, its natural evolution should lead it to reach an IF of 5 during the next years.

Undoubtedly, new objectives need a renewed and reinforced Editorial Board. I want here to openly thank Manuel Vázquez-Lima and Fernando Rosell, who leave the EMERGENCIAS Editorial Committee at this point, the hours devoted to the Magazine and the good disposition shown in this process of redesigning the new editorial team. His good know-how has greatly helped improve the quality of EMERGENCIAS. I always say that the hours dedicated to the Magazine are the most valuable tribute to recognize, since they are private hours, those due to family and friends. Thanks again, Tato and Fernando, for all that.

From this issue, four new editors are included, chosen for their research career (all of them are doctors in Medicine and Surgery), their links to the EM, their proven work capacity and their long and sustained commitment to the Spanish Society of Medicine of Emergencies and Emergencies (SEMES) and its principles. The first, Pere Llorens, former scientific secretary of SEMES and coordinator of the group of acute heart failure (ICA-SEMES), will now be responsible for the "Letters to the Editor" and "Clinical Notes" section. Author of more than 120 indexed research articles, is one of the best exponents of the research boom of the Spanish EM in the last decade. The EAHFE^{4,5} registry of patients with acute heart failure promoted by him has about 15,000 patients and is recognized throughout Europe as one of the most valuable in this field, while being the most productive in terms of quantity and scientific quality among the records currently held by SEMES⁶⁻⁹. Their work in these sections will be shared with Xavier Jiménez.

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nez-Fàbrega, a prehospital emergency physician working in the Medical Emergencies System of Catalonia and one of the main promoters of the prehospital activation codes in Spain. Their work has been and continues to be a pioneer in the field of prehospital EM¹⁰⁻¹². The sections "Revisions", "Documents of consensus" and "Special articles", as well as the Continuing Medical Training in Emergencies, will be in charge of Juan González del Castillo. With more than a hundred articles published, he is a renowned expert in infectious diseases in the urgent field¹³⁻¹⁵ and is coordinator of the group of infections in emergencies of SEMES (INFURG-SEMES). Given its accredited teaching ability, it is the best revulsive for sections that must provide knowledge and experience to our readers, as well as an accredited training opportunity for them. The fourth incorporation is that of Antoni Juan, leader of opinion on health organizational aspects that has developed various directives, which have always been related or affected, directly or indirectly, in the emergency room¹⁶⁻¹⁸. Currently, he coordinates the emergency group of short-stay units of SEMES (URGUCE), which analyzes the role these units play in the emergency care dynamics^{19,20}. However, his literary skills go beyond mere scientific writing^{21,22}, and that is why he has been entrusted with the section "Points of view" and the exploration of the new sections discussed above, located more in an emotional and intimate line, and whose development is expected to make EMERGENCIAS a magazine closer to the general reader.

All of them join the Associate Editors in charge of the sections "Originals", "Brief Originals", "Global Emergency Medicine", and "EMERGENCIAS in 5 minutes", Guillermo Burillo, Agustín Julián, Javier Martín-Sánchez and Aitor Alquézar (new in these tasks), whose accumulated experience is the best guarantee for those who join this new project. Among all we started this new path, and among all we will suffer and enjoy. After all, if when we parted, we enjoyed it and we felt satisfied, it would have been worth it.

Personally, I feel very identified with this new project *Mutatis Mutandis* (Latin expression meaning "Changing what needs to be changed"), in the same way that I have felt united for 11 years to the EMERGER project. And very indebted to those who continue to trust me to make the Magazine a forum of knowledge and an unbeatable business card for a group that, like so many, goes in search of their Promised Land. Ours seems to be closer. I hope to be able to lead this new project with a success similar to that of the EMERGER project. The less, I promise to spare no effort.

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