

## EDITORIAL

## Emergencias keeps climbing

## EMERGENCIAS sigue avanzando

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EMERGENCIAS stays committed to both the generation and the transmission of quality scientific knowledge in the field of Emergency Medicine (EM). After 35 years,<sup>1</sup> its current position as a reference for the Spanish-speaking professional community is indisputable. It has been ranked above 5<sup>th</sup> place for the first time in the journal impact factor (JIF) in 2021, keeping it in the first quartile of its specialty and in first position worldwide among journals published entirely in Spanish. Everyone involved has undoubtedly part of the credit, with a special mention to the Spanish Society of Emergency Medicine (SEMES, Spanish acronym) owner of the journal, which has always been highly committed to promoting research by Spanish emergency physicians as a fundamental pillar in the development of the specialty of EM in Spain.

Four years ago, the editorial team set itself the medium-term goal of improving the content and quality of EMERGENCIAS, aligning it with the editorial trends of the leading journals in its specialty.<sup>2</sup> In 2018 their exact words were: "It is expected that within 5-10 years the leading EM journals will have doubled their impact factor (...), and EMERGENCIAS should not be left behind. We believe that well accompanied and supported by the confidence of the best Spanish researchers, its natural evolution should lead it to reach an impact factor of 5 over the next few years. This objective, amongst many others in the *Mutatis Muntandis* project, has already been achieved and must be consolidated in the upcoming years.

In line with the name of the project (*Mutatis Muntandis*, changing whatever needs to be changed), the Journal is now embarking on a remodeling of its Editorial Committee with the aim of broadening, rejuvenating, and feminizing it. Before introducing the new members, it is only fair to thank our colleagues, personal close friends of mine, who are about to leave us. On the one hand, Francisco Javier Martín-Sánchez, who had been asking for some time to focus entirely on his current professional interests. Only from the knowledge of his enormous generosity can it be understood why he has remained with us these last months, pushing with the strength and enthusiasm of the early days of 2009 during this last stage and in pair with his new ob-

jectives. To a large extent the achievements that EMERGENCIAS has attained during its time on the Editorial Committee are its very own, including its entry into Journal Citation Reports<sup>3</sup> and the attainment of its first impact factor.<sup>4</sup> I'm sure, Javier, you haven't forgotten that long minute of immense joy and resounding silence when I told you about it on the phone. On the other hand, Guillermo Burillo. Present in the Editorial Committee of EMERGENCIAS since 2004, I can't recall a time in the Magazine without Guillermo and, in fact, it is thanks to him that I am now its editor-in-chief. He pursued me with his way of persuading people to join his cause until he convinced me that I, and not he, should lead the new project. This comes to show his characteristic generosity while putting his global vision before his personal projection. He would not stop until he managed to get SEMES and myself into this in 2007. With a keen eye for new directions in the journal's evolution, he has been a key collaborator in the success of several editorial projects<sup>2,4</sup> and a 'treasured metronome' to me. And just in another example of generosity, a few months ago he announced his resignation from the consolidated project EMERGENCIAS to take on the challenge of starting from scratch the new journal of SEMES, *Revista Española de Urgencias y Emergencias*. A few days ago, in the framework of the SEMES Congress in Vigo, we had the opportunity to leaf through its first pages. I wish you the best of luck in this project, already knowing that you will take it very far, like everything you have started since I have known you. In short: thank you Javi, thank you Guillermo, for all your good deeds to EMERGENCIAS, your forever home. From now on, del Castillo will become Associate Editor, and will essentially oversee the original research papers that reach the Journal. With his long teaching and research experience, and after the success achieved with the creation of the SIESTA network in 2020<sup>5</sup> in which he has brought together more than 60 emergency departments in research excellence with spectacular results,<sup>6,7</sup> his vision and perspective will help to improve the quality of the contents of the manuscripts and will relieve the burden of the other Associate Editors, Agustín Julián and Aitor Alquézar, which has increased in recent times due to the aforementioned departures

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and the constant increase in original articles that reach EMERGENCIAS. Pere Llorens will complete the list of Associate Editors, taking charge of the Consensus Papers, Reviews and Special Articles sections, which until now have been handled by Juan.

And like any project that grows, new arms are needed to help it row strongly in the direction it needs to go. Ana García Martínez, Adriana Gil Rodrigo, Javier Jacob Rodríguez and Inés Fernández Guerrero join the team in this issue as Section Editors. All of them are Doctors of Medicine and Surgery, well-versed emergency physicians with a vocation for research. Ana works at the Hospital Clínic de Barcelona, and has participated as co-author of more than 20 original papers especially dealing with organizational and care aspects of chest pain and arrhythmias<sup>8,9</sup>. Adriana, on the other hand, works at the Hospital Doctor Balmis, in Alicante. With special interest in acute pulmonary processes and ultrasound examination in the emergency department, she has published several very relevant articles in these fields, some of them with a spectacularly high citation rate.<sup>10,11</sup>

Javier has been leading the research of the emergency physicians at the Hospital Universitario de Bellvitge in Barcelona for years, and although his research interests are diverse (more than 150 articles indexed in PubMed support him), he is considered a reference in Spain in heart failure, short-stay units and non-invasive ventilation.<sup>12,13</sup>

The broad clinical perspective of these additions undoubtedly adds value to the current Section Editor, Xavier Jiménez-Fábrega, when evaluating articles submitted to the Scientific Letters and Letters to the Editor sections, which, due to their characteristics, are the sections most in demand by the authors of EMERGENCIAS. Finally, Inés works in the Emergency Department of the Hospital Universitario Virgen de las Nieves in Granada and is passionate about bibliometric analysis and scientific production, as well as the historical details of research in emergency medicine. She has made nearly twenty relevant contributions in these areas, many of which have been published in this Journal.<sup>14,15</sup> From now on he will collaborate with Antoni Juan, current Section Editor, in consolidating the sections Change of Shift, With Fresh Eyes, and Historical Notes.

Undoubtedly, these additions are a necessary reinforcement and refreshment for EMERGENCIAS. Going back a few paragraphs, I now reiterate my previous statement with figures. The Editorial Committee has been enlarged (from 9 to 11 members), it has been rejuvenated (the average age of the remaining members is 52 years; the average age of the new members is 44 years) and, finally, it has become more feminized (the percentage of female members has risen from 0% to 27%). Undoubtedly, there is still room for improvement in all these areas. But apart from the considerations

that some of them may deserve, I am satisfied to have formed the best possible Editorial Committee to continue with this continuous challenge that EMERGENCIAS represents. And I am grateful, once again, for the support of SEMES in all these changes.

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