

A new phase begins to SALUSVITA as a periodical devoted to the field of biological and health sciences. For many years this periodical has been a vehicle for the multidisciplinary diffusion of knowledge in those areas. The former editorial board was successful in conducting SALUSVITA as a high quality periodical according to its finalities. However, the University of the Sacred Heart has widely evolved in the last years, adding to the number of courses and redirecting its mission towards total quality. In this regard, SALUSVITA needed some refinements. At the moment that the University consolidates itself as a center for research and transmission of new knowledge, mainly by expanding its graduate courses into the areas of biological and health sciences, SALUSVITA requires new routes to follow such modifications. The task was not difficult, since the basis had been settled by the wonderful job accomplished by the NPU in the last years.

Facing the new challenges, the editorial board was modified and new criteria for article selection were adopted. SALUSVITA, a journal so far devoted to under graduation studies, has now a wider horizon – the transmission of knowledge produced by research at the graduate level. In this context, the innovation, the consolidation of knowledge and the critical analysis of established knowledge became its major asset. The journal becomes bilingual – even though we deeply respect our native language, English is the international language for science. In this regard, SALUSVITA enlarges its horizons and offers its production to the international reference.

With the increasing specification of knowledge, the democratization and accuracy of investigative tools, the existence of a multidisciplinary periodical has grown in complexity. However, SALUSVITA is a vehicle of the University in its broad sense and the University of Sacred Heart is

deeply committed to multidisciplinary and to its profile of Community University. Therefore, SALUSVITA aims at covering the production of knowledge in the fields of biological, health and allied sciences, to promote the production of new contents, introducing deeper and judicious knowledge. New sections in the journal will contemplate a variety of editorial demands: original articles, review papers on important or emerging issues and documents of creative and judicious reflection on a given subject inside the scope of the journal.

In this issue, SALUSVITA begins a new journey. We hope that SALUSVITA keeps moving ahead and serving the scientific community as it has happened so far.

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