



Editorial

Scientific societies and their social commitment

The reason of existence for scientific societies is social responsibility: everything we do as health professionals - specifically as radiologists - has an impact on patients and, in general, on people.

If we look for the definition of scientific society we will find that it is an association of professionals, researchers, specialists or scholars of a branch of knowledge or sciences in general, which allows them to meet, present the results of their research, compare them with those of their colleagues or specialists in the same fields of knowledge and disseminate their work through specialized publications. Their activities usually include teaching (courses, workshops, seminars, congresses), research and publications (books and journals, among others).

It is well known and accepted that training and research activities are organized and carried out; however, it is not always known that scientific activity is not only a personal intellectual activity, but that it has a very important social dimension. One expression of this social character of science is, without doubt, the constitution of groups of scientists, which began to have relevance from the sixteenth century, when for the first time scientific activity was no longer seen as individual, but needed collectives of cooperation and debate.

Now, if we have such a social commitment, we should analyze our work as health professionals, radiologists, teachers and citizens who are members of a society and a health system that has a model of care that has been structured according to the needs of the population. For this reason, it is fundamental that in this task we are accompanied by the capacity for reflection and transformation, the latter seen as transformation in social contexts, for which its own autonomy must be its path; an autonomy that transfers us to change, renewal and transformation in different spheres and that starts from our sense as radiological doctors, under the constant gaze of professional ethics.

All this reflection, to which I invite you, leads us to be an example of life, with the responsibility of sensitizing and humanizing residents, our colleagues, institutions and governmental entities, from atmospheres of moral and ethical integrity with a view to transcendental human development, with permanent coherence between discourse and practice, in order to have as a frame of reference a radiology centered on values, being fundamental actors in a model of attention centered on people.

I am definitely proud to be a Colombian radiologist and a member of the Colombian Association of Radiology, and I will tell you why. We are accompanied by three fundamental aspects: differentiation, coherence and consistency, which we have achieved by means of a joint work between a very efficient administrative team, with a very high delivery capacity, and a human capital made up of all the associates, who strive to be better every day.

We differentiate ourselves by maintaining effective communication not only with our associates, but also with other scientific societies, with government agencies and with our patients, among other people and entities.

As for the coherence between what is said and what is done, we have complied with our strategic direction through activities outlined in the development plan from several fronts: academic and education, internationalization and the development of cooperation agreements, quality processes and voluntary medical recertification, the guild, legal and administrative.

We differentiate ourselves by being a consistent, integral scientific society that adapts to change, with successful results, which has allowed its positioning, built over time, with a very favorable image both nationally and internationally. In addition, we recognise on a daily basis that there are always opportunities for improvement

We must continue to grow continuously, to become better human beings, united by one cause: to help people through diagnostic images.

Thank you all for being part of the results and the constant construction of our Colombian Association of Radiology.

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