

## EDITORIAL

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In 1955, the executive committee of the Sociedad Peruana de Obstetricia y Ginecología (SPOG) initiated the publication of the journal *Ginecología y Obstetricia* under the direction of its president Dr. Lucas Molina Navia and with the support of renowned members of the specialty such as Drs. Víctor Bazul, R. Gordillo, Jorge Ascenzo Cabello, Eduardo Valdivia Ponce, Carlos Castellano. The first editorial stated that the journal would be 'a propitious medium for the publication of new discoveries...' and 'a filter of world literature... given its magnitude'..., as well as 'an extension of university teaching...'<sup>(1)</sup>.

After 39 volumes published by 7 editorial directors and with only three interruptions of publication in 1978, 1982 and 1984, the 1994 SPOG president entrusted the present editorial committee (EC) to edit the *Revista Peruana de Ginecología y Obstetricia* (RPGO; renamed in 2006 to distinguish it from Spanish-speaking journals with the same title). This EC has published quarterly and punctually 28 volumes on the medical and social problems suffered by Peruvian women in their sexual and reproductive life, maternal and perinatal morbidity and mortality, the most complex gynecological problems, human reproduction, cancer, fetal medicine and surgery, ethics in the care of women and pregnant women. It expanded the editorial committee, the advisory board and the editorial board to a multiinstitutional and international composition, adapted to the open source Open Journal System, was indexed in prestigious indexers such as Scielo, ESCI Web of Science, REDIB, Dialnet, MIAR, EuroPub, DOAJ, HINARI, Redalyc, IMBIOMED, Latindex, LILACS, LIPECS, with articles meticulously submitted to peer-review, perfecting medical writing for the careful and orderly RPGO's dissemination of information.

The Peruvian Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics conforms to the standards of the declaration of ethical behavior and malpractice in publication of the Best Practice Guidelines of the COPE Committee on Publication Ethics. And the submission of articles to the RPGO follows the uniform requirements for manuscripts submitted to biomedical journals of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors - ICMJE.

All articles have been digitized in the Open Journal System (OJS) from the first issue of the Journal in 1955 to the present. The last printed issue of the RPGO was Volume 65 No. 4 from October-December 2019, with a print run of 1,000 copies. Since 2020 and given the COVID-19 pandemic, the RPGO has been published only online. Since the second issue of RPGO 2020, all articles were published entirely in Spanish and English.

According to OJS statistics, in 2022 the RPGO has averaged more than 4,000 monthly visits to abstracts of published articles, with peaks of



more than 10,000 in May and October 2022. And an average of over 2,000 monthly downloads of pdfs of published articles, with peaks of over 5,000 in May and October 2022.

Google Scholar Metrics show an increase in the RPGO's h5 index over the intervening years, giving it an h5 index of 11 between 2015-2019, and 15 between 2016-2020. The RPGO is ranked 13th in both periods, according to the ranking prepared by our Deputy Editor based on indexed Peruvian journals, above several Peruvian journals indexed in Scopus.

The main reason for writing this editorial is to inform our readers that the RPGO has been accepted in the Scopus database, one of the most important worldwide, belonging to the Elsevier publishing company, which includes scientific journals and provides an overview of research production worldwide in the fields of science, technology, medicine, among others. The articles published in the Peruvian Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics will henceforth have greater international visibility by the scientific and academic community, by virtue of the quality and editorial rigor of the journals evaluated by Scopus. We consider that this success materializes the presence and scientific activity of the Editorial Committees of the RPGO since 1955, which has allowed quality, permanence, visibility and impact of the journal, while continuously encouraging research and publication of Peruvian, Latin American and more distant countries scientists.

At the national level, the RPGO is the eleventh journal indexed in Scopus, the fifth medical journal indexed in Scopus after the Revista Peruana de Medicina Experimental y Salud Pública, the Revista Peruana de Gastroenterología, Revista del Cuerpo Médico del Hospital Almanzor Aguinaga Asenjo<sup>(2)</sup> and Anales de la Facultad de Medicina<sup>(3)</sup> and stands out from other scientific publications of medical specialty societies. Thanks to the institutional support of SPOG over the years, it has an editorial team comprised of Editor, Scientific Editor, Deputy Editor, Editorial Committee, translator, layout designer, OJS portal manager, SciELO methodology manager and SPOG manager in charge of Crossref membership (to obtain the DOI) and hosting of the website where the journal's OJS is hosted.

Facing future challenges, which include the permanent evaluation by Scopus regarding the compliance with the periodicity and quality of an increasing number of our articles, as well as the greater flow of articles in the editorial process, SPOG has considered professionalizing the editorial activity of the journal and guaranteeing logistic and financial sustainability policies to face the coming challenges. Anti-plagiarism software is already being used in all articles to be published.

The editorial board will carefully maintain the editorial and publication processes according to our adherence to the ideals of COPE, ICMJE and other related institutions, which guarantee the characteristics, excellence, particularities and compliance with ethical publication practices in times of the impact of artificial intelligence with incredible inventions - the chatGPT and its variant GPT-4, a remarkable conversationalist that can solve logic and mathematical problems, analyze patient data and guide us in their management, as well as read articles and research papers, summarize, translate and discuss them<sup>(4)</sup> - and when fake researchers and fraudulent and predatory journals -many university journals- threaten the integrity of academic records and are being investigated and eliminated, affecting the impact factor of many researchers and scientific journals<sup>(5,6)</sup>.

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