

EDITORIAL

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Seventy years of the Peruvian Journal of Gynecology and Obstetrics

Setenta años de la Revista Peruana de Ginecología y Obstetricia

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In September 1955, the first issue of the Revista Peruana de Ginecología y Obstetricia (RPGO) was published, official publication of the Sociedad Peruana de Obstetricia y Ginecología (SPOG) under the Presidency of Dr. Eduardo Aguila Pardo, being Director de la RPGO, as he was named the Editor, Dr. Lucas Molina Navia and co-Director Dr. Victor M. Bazúl.

The editorial note made by Dr. Aguila Pardo, is titled "Panoram of Modern Obstetrics" which summarizes the current situation and future of obstetrics and gynecology in the country. Reminds the responsibility of the specialist, not only with the attention of the delivery, but with procreation and intrauterine life. Mentions the investigation in ovulation, fecundation and implantation of fertilized ovum. The effects of gestation in the maternal organism, originating the concept of "Maternal Physiology".

In gynecology, highlights the importance of the neuroendocrine relationship governed and regulated by the hypophysis. Explains the use of vaginal cytology, Papanicolaou, biopsy, histerosalpingography, and the importance of pathological anatomy. Mentions the limitations of radical surgery in gynecological cancer of laborious and dangerous execution, as well as, lymphadenectomy and pelvic exenteris, which cause that the specialists were more inclined to radioactive cobalt and nuclear energy in these cases. It also refers to obstetric trauma as a consequences of birth delivery, suffering from tears, rectovaginal and urinary fistula, as well as uterine dystopia. Concludes therefore with a phrase of Dr. Martiniano Fernandez in the IV Congress Brasileiro of Gynecology and Obstetrics. "Healing without compromising, without mutilating, healing by preserving and restoring functions, is the objective of conservative surgery", principle that is still valid.

The RPGO has been published for 70 years since its first prestigious review, it has been published periodically thanks to the effort of the previous editors. I would like to point out our former editor Dr. José Pacheco Romero, Past President of our Society, which has been the Editor for 32 years, almost half the time of the existence of this journal. His great capacity and personal and professional qualities made him stand out and be acknowledged at his return to Peru, after his residency in the speciality at the prestigious Mayo Clínic of USA. He made the RPGO one of the most recognized journals in the national scope. With him as a leader of the Editorial Committee, our journal has been indexed in Scopus, SciELO, ESCI web of Science, REDIB, Dialnet, MIAR, EuroPub, DOAJ, HINARI, Redalyc, IMBIOMED, Latindex, LILAS and LIPECS.

His recent retirement, gave way that the Board of Directors of SPOG has assigned me as the new Editor, which means a great responsibility and a challenge for me to maintain the RPGO at the high standard set by our good friend and colleague Pepe Pacheco.