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## Editorial

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The role of education in the coloproctologist training has two overlapping stages, a theoretical and a practical one. Practical training requires a more or less prolonged period of activities in the operating room and in specialized clinics with certain equipment such as colonoscopes, anorectal ultrasounds, etc. This manual and instrumental stage is based on theoretical learning and its maintenance, which will be permanent due to changes in diagnoses, treatments and knowledge of new aspects of diseases.

The way to keep informed and acquire this information takes different paths. Attendance at conferences, participation in round tables, congresses, courses etc allow for information obtainment and revalidation. However, the changes on outdated knowledge, the incorporation of innovations, and permanence of all the information are achieved through the writings in the traditional form of printing on paper, or through the increasingly broad digital printing.

The Latin American Association of Coloproctology, which is almost a sexagenarian, has a permanent youthful verve that leads it to provide its members in particular, and the medical community in general, detailed information on the progress and changes that occur in our specialty.

Currently and after having passed through the stage of printing on paper with its Journal, Coloproctologia Latinoamericana, the Association is fortunate to be able to join the digital impression of a prestigious journal such as the

Journal of Coloproctology. The acceptance of this participation from 2016 on pleases us and, at the same time, brings us the huge responsibility of keeping on producing articles and various high-quality papers that meet the editorial expectations of the Journal of Coloproctology. We know that we will succeed because the sources come from all Latin American countries. Meanwhile, this diversity will make the quality standards stricter. The advantage is that Latin Americans have strength and power, and possible weaknesses will be immediately corrected and overcome.

Our thanks to the authorities of the Journal for accepting us and to ALACP for trusting on us again.

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