Editorial



Dentistry, as a stomatological discipline, makes ongoing contributions to scientific knowledge in general, and to health issues in particular.

In accordance with the guidelines of the Universidad de la República, the Facultad de Odontología follows a path of academic development which has focused on research-related processes. Innovative projects are undertaken thanks to the consolidation of groups and lines of work. This makes it possible to recreate the various specialties and to promote academic post graduate courses in Uruguay and abroad.

It is only natural that these activities should be reflected in high-level publications which are rigorously reviewed and which remain at the disposal of professionals and researchers.

In this issue, as well as several articles of interest, we present the journal in Spanish and in English. Both versions will be available as an open resource in our institutional repository and in the SciELO Uruguay Portal.

We hope this is another step forward towards the dissemination of the material in our institutional scientific collection, thus facilitating the indexation of *Odontoestomatología* in international databases and strengthening its impact. Furthermore, we hope this will be an opportunity to continue including the work of outstanding foreign colleagues, be it as reviewers or as authors of articles.

We are confident that this will also strengthen the work of inter-institutional networks, and aid in the organization of multi-center projects undertaken in collaboration with countries in the region and the world.

This is why we hope that this effort becomes a reality and that it makes true and relevant contributions to knowledge, helping to provide solutions to overcome the health concerns of the population and contributing to the development, promotion and maintenance of their well-being.

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