

### *“We are in Scopus”*

In January 2019 we were notified that the *Revista de la Academia Colombiana de Ciencias Exactas, Físicas y Naturales* had been included in Scopus as of this year. *Scopus* is the largest international database of literature subject to pair review: scientific journals, books and conference abstracts (<https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/scopus/how-scopus-works>).

We started the process of requesting our inclusion in 2014 when I accepted the honorable responsibility of being the editor of the Academy's journal. We sent the official request in May 2017. During those three years we displayed an intense teamwork with the unconditional support of the president of the Academy, the members of the Board, the academics, and the international scientific committee but, especially, of the exceptional Editorial Committee of our journal, which is comprised by 48 associated editors in the seven academic fields covered by our publication: biomedical, behavioral, physical, natural, chemical, Earth and mathematical sciences. Naturally, everything we have built in these five years rested on the solid heritage of the journal's 78 uninterrupted years of trajectory, veritable testimony of the work undertaken by its previous editors among whom I must highlight and thank Dr. Santiago Díaz Piedrahita, who was a pillar of the journal during 17 years of dedicated endeavor.

The quality of the articles published, the periodicity of the issues and the introduction of new technological elements to ensure and facilitate our publishing efforts have been the result of the work of all those involved: authors, reviewers, editors, and an excellent editorial team. I owe my sincere thanks and my acknowledgment to all of them.

In 2019, we will commemorate a series of scientific events of great impact on the history of science. In this context, the Editorial Committee of the journal decided to celebrate these anniversaries dedicating the covers of the issues of volume 43 to four of them: the 400 years of Kepler's *Harmonice Mvndo*, the 150 years of Mendeléyev's periodic table, the 250 years of Alexander von Humboldt's birth and the 500 years of the death of the universal Leonardo Da Vinci.

Along this year we will also have to honor our commitment of positioning our journal in one of the top quartiles of *Scopus*, which will demand from us keeping and increasing the quality of the articles we publish to guarantee they are read and cited. Such commitment includes receiving quality manuscripts, continuing with a very strict editorial work to ensure compliance with, among other parameters, publishing ethics, the selection of suitable reviewers and publishing dates. And there is the new challenge of increasing our journal's visibility through promotion campaigns.

In brief, we start today a new stage in the gratifying path of achieving the acknowledgment of the excellence of the *Revista de la Academia Colombiana de Ciencias Exactas, Físicas y Naturales*. I would like to thank in advance all those whose help I will surely count with.

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