

CorSalud: A Dream Fulfilled, a Legacy that Lives On

CorSalud: Un sueño cumplido, un legado que continúa

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Editorial

If someone had told me almost 20 years ago that I would be writing this article I wouldn't have believed it; because watching CorSalud emerge was a dream that, fortunately, came true. But launching and maintaining a scientific journal involves much more than reviewing, editing, and laying out articles; hence, our struggle through these different stages was an arduous task.

At the beginning of the new century, the Cuban cardiology community lacked a specialized journal in which to publish our research¹. After several years of yearning for such space, we decided to create a single-subject cardiology journal and began the first steps in 2005.

There's a quote attributed to Albert Einstein that, although we haven't been able to confirm it's his, we recognize as brilliant: *"The secret to creativity lays in (...) opening the mind to infinite possibilities. What is a man without dreams?"* And we dreamed, we conceived, we fought against all odds —you can't imagine how much— and, finally, we made it.

Four years later, on May 5th, we held the preliminary presentation of the journal at the *Cardiocentro Ernesto Che Guevara* and at the *Centro Provincial de Información de Ciencias Médicas* of Villa Clara; on May 8th we gained national visibility, and on May 15th, 2009, CorSalud was officially inaugurated (Figure 1A). A few months later, our breakthrough into the international arena and inclusion in the Ibero-American Cardiovascular Journals Group² were announced in the Spanish Journal of Cardiology.

History doesn't lie, successful chronological events followed one after another, with achievements that allowed the journal to reach enviable quality standards³ and get to every corner of the world (Figure 2). The scientific quality of the published articles, the exquisite treatment of the written language, the improved graphic design (Figure 1B), its inclusion in numerous international databases and repositories, the full-text publication in two languages —Spanish and English— and the joint effort of the working team were our main assets.

Therefore, although many "hands" have left their mark on CorSalud, it would be unfair not to mention some of those who, due to life's vicissitudes, are no longer part of the team (Figure 3), including the former General Director of the *Cardiocentro Ernesto Che Guevara*. Raúl Dueñas Fernández, MD who believed

in us and always supported us. Others couldn't—or didn't know how—but they also tried, and for that we are grateful.



Figura 1. A. Initial design of the CorSalud website. B. Advanced design of the journal before implementing the Open Journal System.

It is also essential to recognize the work of all those anonymous experts who, even without being part of the editorial committee, have selflessly collaborated in the manuscripts assessment to ensure the publication of quality articles.

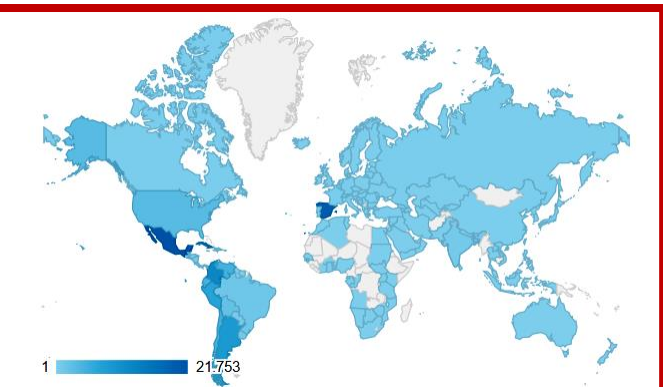


Figura 2. Visits by countries to the CorSalud website. Google Analytics graph taken from an old presentation by the Editor-in-Chief at a scientific event, to demonstrate the journal's international impact. Mexico was the country with the highest number of visits (21 753) during the period analyzed.

According to Bosch *et al.*⁴, it is difficult to objectively assess the quality of a journal, but the most important aspect is the least quantifiable: the appreciation and consideration of our readers. And of that, at CorSalud, we are proud of. Therefore, it is very important not to lose the essence of our journal. We take the scientific quality of the articles for granted, as we know it is its main premise; but we urge the new editorial committee to continue demanding originality from the authors and interacting with them, educating them on all aspects related to their publications⁵; to maintain the quality of grammar, writing, and proper formatting of the published texts; to avoid plagiarism in all its

forms (not accepting texts, graphs, figures, or images from other publications without their corresponding permission or declaration of the source), and to make appropriate and truthful use of bibliographical references. These conditions will guarantee its continuity with the same quality.

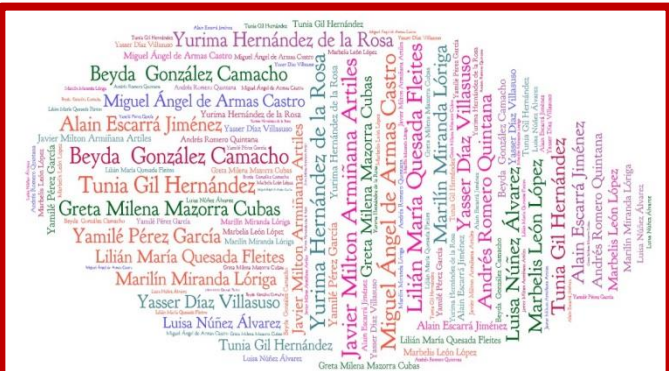


Figura 3. Undoubted architects of our work: CorSalud. Thank you all very much.

In conclusion, we pay a well-deserved tribute to the founders of CorSalud (Figure 4) and wish, from the bottom of our hearts, the greatest possible success to those who—along with Gustavo de Jesús Bermúdez Yera, PhD, MD—will continue with this responsibility, which, in addition to being an enormous challenge, represents a great honor. All the best in the future!



Figura 4. Founders of CorSalud. From left to right (facing the photo): Tunia Gil Hernández, Yurima Hernández de la Rosa, Francisco Luis Moreno Martínez, Luisa Núñez Álvarez and Marilín Miranda Loriga.

Today, as we close this chapter, we do so not with nostalgia, but with gratitude. CorSalud has been more than a journal: it has represented a space for meeting, for growth, for sharing science with passion. We say goodbye with the certainty that knowledge never stops and that each new issue will be another seed fertilizing the field of Cuban and international cardiology.

To those who continue, we leave not just a journal, but our legacy. May you care for it, nurture it, and make it flourish even more; because dreams, when shared, are endless.

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