

SCIENCE, A SOCIAL GOOD



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We wish to see the most beautiful creatures multiply, so that the rose of beauty may never perish, but when the most efflorescent must shed its petals due to the passage of time, it may achieve its tender offspring to perpetuate its memory.¹

Understanding a little more about the institutions of higher education, and the research groups that are part of them, allows us to comprehend the importance of the work they do, at the same time as their commitment to society. A university like ours understands from its origins that its work is motivated by the greater good: the collective benefit. In order to achieve this, its researchers carry out an arduous task that allows us to contribute decisively to consolidate a better society.

Developing research requires a strong associative spirit of networks of people and institutions that work around common purposes, leading to the construction and development of projects that lead, in turn, to achieve conquests for the benefit of all living beings. Discussions generated in different groups or communities result in representative achievements that alone would not have been possible to obtain.

From Universidad del Rosario, we understand science as a social good; a good that belongs to humanity. What the institution produces as knowledge is transferred beyond our enclosure, and this encourages us to advance and build day by day what we are as a society.

¹ William Shakespeare. "Sonnets", in Complete Works. M. Aguilar Editor. Madrid, 1947. (P1815).



We must understand that the knowledge obtained by the different research groups has a connotation that goes beyond us. When we decide to delve into a particular subject we are invoking the principle of the universality of science.

The achievements that we can document in this issue of our journal magazine *Advances in Science* are a sample of the above. Each of the research we present articles on this occasion are the result of the work that each of the people who accompany us in this delivery carry out with a strong commitment. We can count on these testimonies because we work with several scientific journalists, and the developments to which our readers can approach through the copy they have in their hands or the links to which they can access in the virtual universe are also thanks to teamwork, in network.

The bet that animates our proposal is to promote spaces that guarantee the proper disclosure of knowledge beyond their spaces of influence. Science, as a social good, requires this, and therefore, the contents delivered in our journal aim to travel all possible places and reach multiple hands to with

its reading encourage discussions and debates, which constitutes a part of the symbolic capital that readers build from the intellectual goods that researchers, journalists, designers, coordinators and editors are delivering to them.

In today's world, such efforts are necessary. For the University, in its almost four centuries of existence, bringing the knowledge produced to the public is to raise it to the level of social good, and its disclosure, circulation, access and appropriation must exceed geographical boundaries. Fostering the creation of new audiences and new readers, is part of our commitment, as the intention lies in shaping citizens of and for the world. With the contributions contained herein, we seek to evoke new points of view on issues crucial to society. ■