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Editorial: 50 years of the Journal of the National Faculty of Public Health

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The 50th anniversary of the *Journal of the National Faculty of Public Health* offers an opportunity to reflect on how far it has come, to envisage the necessary steps to ensure the sustainability of this academic project of scientific dissemination in the field of public health, to encourage its consolidation, and, of course, to celebrate.

Since 2018, we have made sure the *Journal* is a hub for the identification of *thought collectives* in public health, which are defined as “a social unit of a scientific community of specialists,” according to Ludwik Fleck [1, p. 23], who put forward the sociological character of scientific work [2], and who wrote, perhaps thinking about the passage of time: “Analogously to social structures, every age has its dominant conceptions as well as, remnants of past ones and rudiments of those of the future [...]” [1, p. 75].

In order to become this hub, articles have been classified into specific topics. Such classification encourages interaction and communication between interested parties and develops new ideas related to public health theory and practice.

A fundamental element to ensure the sustainability of the *Journal* is you, the readers: You become fundamental by identifying the topics and articles of your interest. Please read them, cite them, and use them as references in your work. Please also submit manuscripts derived from your public health practices or —documented and critical— essays as theoretical or practical reflections. Tell us how we can support authors so that their articles can be read by the journal’s audience and by the community, looking for a transformation of the meaning of what is communicated both inside the thought collective and inside other collectives with *different thought styles*, including popular knowledge [3].

In the course of this celebration, we remember and recognize the valuable contribution of the different women and men who have acted as peer reviewers and authors, as well as the support over the years of the directors, the members of the committee, the editors, the editorial information system managers, the proofreaders, the translators, and the administrative and financial support of the National Faculty of Public Health and the Vice-Rector’s Office of Research at Universidad de Antioquia.

In this issue, as part of this celebration, we publish the perspective of the first director of the *Journal of the National Faculty of Public Health* regarding its creation. He advocated for creating the Journal in 1973 and contributed to publishing the first issue a year later. Likewise, renowned directors and editors of the Journal outline their reflections on the challenges of scientific publishing according to their editorial expertise over the years.

We hope that the long road ahead for this and other scientific journals will favor knowledge dissemination with solid scientific and ethical bases, aimed at celebrating life and reducing suffering in every community.

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