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Fifty years ago, when the National Faculty of Public Health had already existed for ten years, we, the faculty's administration, considered that the institution had developed enough to commit to publishing a journal of such high scientific quality that it would allow it to compete against other publications both nationally and internationally. The excellent education of faculty (including some who had completed graduate studies abroad), the research that they carried out, and the numerous expert consultations requested to the Faculty of Public Health offered valuable material for publication that, in turn, became a determining factor in the success of the Journal. I remember that selecting the journal's name was much disputed, but the decision was obvious, simple, what it was meant to be: *Journal of the National School of Public Health*.

The fact that the now called *Journal of the National Faculty of Public Health* has survived 50 years speaks very highly of the Universidad de Antioquia and the National Faculty of Public Health, of their constant support, and of the dedication and reliability of its directors, professors, and collaborators. Furthermore, the love they all have devoted to this Journal has been decisive for its survival.

It is quite pleasant to see that a project in which one participated from its birth has overcome so many everyday difficulties and continues to be active and current after so many years. Let's think about the many projects of different kinds that were created that year and that no longer exist.

There is no doubt that the *Journal* has not only fulfilled its mission completely, but that it has also significantly contributed to the objectives of the Faculty of Public Health by disseminating new knowledge, ideas, methodologies, and procedures that translated into better health services for the people.

I extend my best wishes to our *Alma Mater*, the Universidad de Antioquia, the National Faculty of Public Health, and the *Journal* for their continued success.

I am genuinely grateful to the editorial team for their kindness in inviting me to write this editorial for the special issue commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Journal.



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