Scientific production in Latin America and the Caribbean is growing steadily

There are many institutions responsible for the burden of measuring the scientific production around the world. Among them, Web of Science (WoS), Scopus and Scimago are considered main sources, along with MedLine, operated by the National Library of Medicine. In Latin America, SciELO, LILACS and RedALyC are reference for bibliographic collection and indexation. Looking at the recent data and numbers from those sources¹, it is clear that Latin America and the Caribbean displayed a tendency toward scientific productivity growth. This is terrific news, showing that we are moving in the right direction.

In the health science area, specifically in Ophthalmology, I see the positive influence of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO) in this process, as a result of the incentive of hundreds of young Pan-American scientists through scholarships, fellowships, becas and travel awards offered to them along the history, as well as the continued incentive of inviting them to perform scientific presentations in Regional sponsored meetings, in the Pan-American Congress and joint meetings with international societies such as American Academy of Ophthalmology and Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (the PARD – Pan-American Research Day).

I challenge you: Take a moment and remember of colleagues that now are in high academic positions in prestigious medical institutions around the world. You will be surprised on how many of them were supported by the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology in their initiation.

In conjunction with all those activities, PAAO and PAOF have proudly supported and maintained Vision Pan-America as an excellent option for publishing science for the Pan-American scientist. This issue is a living proof of that: USA, Brazil, Spain, Canada, Chile, Puerto Rico (and even Israel!) are represented here with truly captivating papers.

Rizzo et al present an extensive overview that deals with the increasing concern for post-injection endophthalmitis widespread after use of intravitreal injections of vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) antagonists.

In an out of the ordinary article, Lichtinger et al bring some data on the use of corticosteroids in bacterial keratitis, always a controversial issue.

Looking for answers on the quality of life among patients submitted to corneal crosslinking therapy, Klein et al present a particularly interesting study.

Closing this issue, three well presented and documented case reports.

Really “good scientific Pan-American stuff”!

Hope you enjoy the issue!

All the best,

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