

RESEARCH WITH A SOCIAL COMMITMENT



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The written discourse is one of the guarantees we count on in order to inform all of our readers about the developments, advances and results of the research projects undertaken in the Universidad del Rosario, which have a feature that we would like to note, and, to a certain extent, stress: Excellence. In this, the third issue of our *Revista Divulgación Científica (Advances in Science)*, we would like to explain the different subjects which the institution believes are beneficial to society and do

it in an agile and simple way, in accordance with our editorial guidelines.

Research in itself is a valuable tool which society may employ. It is much more than a simple study. It may provide us with valuable information about different subjects of interest, in order to advance in analysis and foster the creation of networks of knowledge.

The production of knowledge leads us to consider the ideal of promoting a joint labor in every sense, as a shared enterprise which includes investigators, students and readers, but also involves institutions: The above aimed at and seen as a possibility, otherwise fortunate, for disseminating the research projects which are the fruit of the University's work, which, in line with its foundational principles, are done with a broad sense of the social in order to energize knowledge for the benefit of all.

The university seeks to ensure that its research makes a contribution and is socially relevant, that it leads to new forms of understanding and knowledge, which, of course, requires the right conditions to be achieved. It implies understanding the University's research as a product which is meant to help create developments for the population.

In a constant manner, the Rosario develops strategies which lead to the strengthening of the culture of research.

To teach, show and interest the public encourages the construction of a dynamic in which interlocution, debate and comparison stop being a marginal concern and turn into the actors for the advance and consolidation of our bodies of knowledge.

By way of closing this editorial, it would be useful for us to recall what some thinkers have stated about this field. In this issue, we look at what Norbert Elias told us:

"In the developed sciences, the main criterion is the relation between the new results of a research project which are available in each case and the oldest knowledge in existence, that is, not something which may be expressed by static polarities of the 'true or false' kind, but precisely through references to what lies between them, based on the dynamic of scientific practices in the course of which theoretical-empirical knowledge becomes greater, truer and more adequate."

(Norbert Elias (1982). *Sociología fundamental*, Barcelona: Gedisa, p. 63). ■

