

The path is our goal

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Aside from celebrating 30 years of incessant work and continuous growth as a scientific society, we celebrate our consolidation as an institution: the *Asociación Argentina de Cirugía de Hombro y Codo* [Argentine Association of Shoulder and Elbow Surgery].

Our institution has rightfully earned a privileged place on the world map of the art and science of shoulder and elbow surgery, basing its strategy on unconditional camaraderie, solidarity, self-criticism, scientific solidity, and institutional honesty. We tirelessly pursue these values that, far from a formal agreement, we consider genuinely sacred commandments worth defending. These values have brought us together and represented us through the different management committees.

I have witnessed that the *Asociación Argentina de Cirugía de Hombro y Codo* has always prioritized the content level taught in its hundreds of courses, conferences, and congresses, as well as the development of teaching tools. Our academic programs were built for the benefit of the medical specialist in training. Our greatest satisfaction is to see this benefit extended to patient care. In this sense, we believe in the development of diagnostic-therapeutic techniques of the medical specialist and in the dignity of their humanism.

Throughout these 30 years, we have safeguarded and promoted respect for our scope of practice, interdisciplinary work, federal spirit, Ibero-Latin American brotherhood, and intellectual honesty. Thus, we firmly hold the flag of bias-free medicine. We choose to teach medicine centered on the patient's needs of the patient over the interests of the professionals or the medical industry.

All members of this scientific institution are proud to represent these values. We believe that, with humbleness, work, and honesty, merit always beats success. In any case, our greatest success was having founded and developed a scientific society of great academic value that always stands for the nobility of its decisions and triumphs.

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