

Editorial

This is the second number of the “Austral Journal of Veterinary Sciences” formerly “Archivos de Medicina Veterinaria”. The name differs, but the aim of the Journal remains the same: “to divulgate the latest developments and discoveries in Veterinary Sciences and to inform about advances in veterinary medicine among universities, research centers, industries, government agencies, biologists, agronomists and veterinarians”. Today, as always, we face many complex challenges and we do our best to tackle them.

In this editorial we would like to honor two veterinarians who reached the top on their specific fields: Peter Doherty, Nobel Prize winner in Physiology and Medicine in 1996, for his discoveries with Rolf M. Zinkernagel concerning the “specificity of the cell mediated immune defense” and Miguel Cerda, rowing world champion in lightweight men’s pair, Seville 2002.

In an interview for nobelprize.org, Dr. Doherty, describes himself as “my characteristics as a scientist stem from a non-conformist upbringing, a sense of being something of an outsider, and looking for different perceptions in everything from novels, to art to experimental results. I like complexity, and am delighted by the unexpected. Ideas interest me”.

Dr. Cerda is an alumnus of Universidad Austral de Chile who practiced rowing most of his life, in parallel to his veterinary medicine studies. During his whole rowing career, he has experienced many values associated with the practice of rowing and also with the veterinary practice such as passion, will, perseverance, effort, and patience, all of which translate into a constant, progressive, fine, delicate, and endless work.

The path of these two successful veterinarians towards the top in their own fields differs but there is something they had in common, they had to face many difficulties and failures¹ but that never stopped them. It was only preparation for the challenges ahead. The same spirit flows in our journal from the beginning of “Archivos de Medicina Veterinaria” and we expect that it will flow forever in “Austral Journal of Veterinary Sciences”.

¹ For more details:

https://www.nobelprize.org/nobel_prizes/medicine/laureates/1996/doherty-bio.html

<http://www.worldrowing.com/athletes/athlete/1863/>

