

# EDITORIAL

## Crisis in Science

The Venezuelan economy is going crazy. Researchers are having hard times to find grants, buy state-of-the-art-instruments, keep the old ones running, maintain library subscriptions to journals, improve research facilities, support graduate students in laboratories, balance research and teaching duties and, finally, have time to think after a long 25-hour day. My guess is that similar things must happen everywhere every day; this feeling does not calm personal anxieties but indicates common situations shared by the science community. CIENCIA has survived its third year and I must deeply thank all of you: readers, authors, referees and editorial board. I have to acknowledge the continuous financial support given by the Council for Scientific and Humanistic Development of La Universidad del Zulia (CONDES). My best regards to Mrs. Neva Mora, the sweet angel at the editorial house (Astrodata) for her care, advice and love. Finally, I want to welcome on board the new Managing Editor, Mr. Jorge E. Tahán (M.Sc. in Chemistry), who will be responsible for keeping CIENCIA on time. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

God bless you!



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