
Editorial

ON October 15 Colciencias presented its latest update of the Group Research Measurement Model, Technological Development and Innovation and Recognition Researchers at the National System of Science, Technology and Innovation 2015. In this new review, the Administrative Department of Science, Technology and Innovation continues the approach of previous processes in the development of strategies to determine the capabilities of research and technological development of all actors who are part of the system of STI (Science, Technology and Innovation) in the country.

To Colciencias this process is essential for decision making and projection of policies to promote the scientific development of the country, rather than the final classification of the groups and researchers. However, from the point of view of visibility, prestige and financing possibilities, the latter ends up being more important for researchers and institutions.

As for novelties presented, called by Colciencias as adjustments to the conceptual structure to the model applied in 2014, are highlighted firstly the need and importance given to the fact that users of CvLAC and GrupLAC applications grant authorization explicit for the use of the information in the ScienTI platform and willingness to participate in the processes of measurement and recognition of groups and researchers. This as a fundamental element regarding freedom, free access and transparency. In addition, the model explicitly held responsible to the researchers and institutions for the content of their CvLAC and GrupLAC. The processes of institutional backing to research groups (tied to verification of the information recorded in the applications with deposits of evidence) are maintained, and encourages the generation in institutions of internal regulations for that purpose, even contemplating control and sanction processes. Another interesting new feature is the inclusion of new products such as Start-up company (emerging company), the Clinical Practice Guidelines and the Law Project.

A widespread doubt among researchers linked to more than one research group is the report of a product to more than one group. In this regard, Colciencias emphasizes that each product will be covered in full only once in the calculation of production indices of the group, without affecting the fact that the product also is linked to another research group. Moreover, products with a single author may only be linked only once, to a single research group.

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