
Editorial

ON March 29 the Academic Council of the District University Francisco José de Caldas, for the institution declared 2016 as the *Year of Caldas sage*. The hero of the independence of Colombia Francisco José de Caldas and Tenorio is remembered in the country's memory as a great scientist, military, geographer, botanist, astronomer, naturalist, journalist and political scientist (the first for many historians) which is why he is called *sage*. These are the same attributes that the District University intends to characterize and identify in its academic community.



Latest version of the 20 pesos bill with which the Bank of the Republic paid tribute to the life and work of the Caldas sage.

October 28, 2016 marks the 200th anniversary of the execution of the hero. That is why the District University schedule this month a lot of activities aimed on the one hand to remember the life and work of the sage, and on the other hand, celebrate the spirit that inspires the institution both academically, human and social level. These activities include lectures, panels, workshops and recreational activities which seek to highlight the scientific, academic and social achievements of the District University. Of course that could not miss the participation of the Caldas sage family in this celebration, so that among the activities the University is planning a talk with one of their descendants. Parallel with these activities in another part of the city, in the Luis Ángel Arango Library, are also celebrated the 200th anniversary with another event. Between 27 and 29 October the library will host the *International Congress Bicentennial Francisco José de Caldas 1768-1816*, organized by the Colombian Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences, which also has the support of the District University. The event will be a meeting point to remember aspects of the life and work of the Caldas sage that inspire Colombians again, because in the end, Colombia does need sages!

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