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Introducción

Innovar is a editorial project with more than three decades of experience and recognition, aimed at disseminating research results and promoting academic debate in the fields of management, accounting, and social sciences. Its work has permanently linked the Faculty of Economic Sciences of the National University of Colombia with national and international academic communities.

In the context of the publication of this 99th issue, I would like to inform our community that, as I will be taking a sabbatical dedicated to research, I will be stepping down from my responsibilities as director and editor-in-chief of Innovar as of February 2026.

Two years ago, I took on this academic and personal challenge with enormous commitment and a deep awareness of Innovar's decisive contribution to the development of public administration and accounting in Colombia and Latin America. Taking stock of this period, I am proud to share that we fully complied with the editorial plan for volumes 34 and 35, publishing six regular issues and two special issues on "Business financial decisions in emerging countries" and "Accounting and sustainability reporting in emerging economies," which aroused considerable interest in our community—receiving 43 and 30 manuscripts for each issue, respectively—and were successfully launched. In addition, we finalized the call for papers for the 2026 special issue on "Studies of practices and processes in Latin America" and defined the call for papers for the 2027 special issue, which will be published shortly.

One of our priorities was editorial modernization. To this end, we undertook a comprehensive redesign of the graphic guidelines in order to give the magazine a coherent, contemporary, and more recognizable visual identity. At the same time, we substantially updated our policies: we developed a manual of ethics and good editorial practices—aligned with benchmarks such as the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)—and a pioneering policy for the use and declaration of artificial intelligence, built with the support of experts. This effort has kept Innovar at the forefront of the editorial debate in Colombia and Latin America.

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In terms of visibility and impact, our goal has always been to transcend mere "citation counting" and enhance the international reach of the debates we promote. This vocation has been supported by a sustained and very significant growth trend in the journal's citation performance between 2017 and 2024, which showed signs of stabilization and maturation in the latter period. At the same time, we consolidated key achievements: Google Scholar's h5 index reached 25 points; Scimago's H index reached 19, and the Scimago Journal Rank (SJR) reached 0.168. Added to this is the significant growth in the average number of citations per article calculated using the Publish or Perish (PoP) tool. Beyond the figures, these trajectories confirm a genuine expansion of our audiences and a more dynamic transnational circulation of knowledge, seeking to achieve both academic impact and social relevance.

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I would like to extend my gratitude to the directors of the Faculty of Economic Sciences and the Library Department of the National University for their support of this publishing project, as well as to the editorial committee, the scientific committee, and the editorial team of Innovar: Daniel Santiago Malaver Rivera (associate editor), Ángela María Chica Fernández (editorial coordinator), and Sergio Villegas Rodríguez (editorial assistant), whose commitment, technical expertise, and sound judgment not only sustain the operation but also contribute to building the trust and prestige of Innovar in the academic community.

The continuity of a project such as Innovar rests fundamentally on the academic community that makes it possible and legitimizes it: authors who entrust us with their work, reviewers who rigorously evaluate it, translators and proofreaders who take care of every detail, and readers who discuss and take the debates beyond its pages. To all of you, my sincere gratitude.

Finally, it is with great pleasure that I introduce the magazine's new editor: Professor Mauricio Gómez Villegas, whose professional career exemplifies the rigor of academia and its notable impact on the public sphere. His previous experience as director and editor-in-chief of Innovar (2015-2017) and his outstanding, solid, and recognized teaching and research career attest to his editorial knowledge and his commitment to scientific quality and the dissemination of knowledge. I am confident that, under his leadership, the journal will expand its international reach and deepen its contribution to the contemporary debates that our field and our complex Latin American reality require.