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Regardless of the reports of the permanent physical and mental damage psychoactive substances cause people keep using them in different ways; some for recreational purposes without showing great affections, and others on the other hand start moving through the phases that lead to addiction. The frontier between usage and other, in most cases is acknowledged when control has been lost and when individual and social consequences become relevant.

Permanent reflection on the addiction topic requires an articulate process between prevention, treatment and research, such is the relevance of this journal and each of the articles of this issue, through which we hope to contribute to decision making in each of the topics.

This issue vol. 3, number 1 of the *Drugs and Addictive Behavior Journal* presents seven articles and an editorial written by PhD candidate Andrés Felipe Tirado Otálvaro who reflects on the stigmatization of drug users and its political and social consequences, warning of the need of integral intervention from a macro social perspective.

This issue brings three national and two international research articles, which focus on relevant issues such as social representations of use, the identification of risk factors and protection as well as classical intervention models. The first article *Social representations on substance consumption in a college context: the voices of students* was written by Yeny Leydy Osorio-Sánchez, M.A. and Paula Andrea Díez-Cardona M.A. and Alis Dahiana Bedoya-Olaya, psychologist, it focuses on the perceptions that college students hold over substance usage and analyzes the possibilities of choice and the associations they identify with the risk consumptions.

The second article “Central addictive beliefs in two population groups of multi-consumer adults” describes the permissive and anticipatory beliefs associated to consumption and the way socio cultural contexts and individual conditions influence the addictive behavior. It was written by the psychologists Gisella De La Torre Peña, César Giovanni Martínez, Camilo Andrés Vargas Rojas, Carolina Jaramillo Mercado occupational therapist and Olena Klimenko, M.A.



Juana Isabel Callisaya Argani, M.A, from Bolivia wrote the article “Risk and protection factors before drug consumption in Young people in the La Paz municipality” that points out the greater risk to consume and abuse drugs that can be found for young people and the individual protective factors related to the capacity to resist peer pressure, the risk perception, the passion for alternative activities that take them far away of using drugs.

The last text in this section was written by Ángel Alejandro Gutiérrez Portillo, Mexican post doctorate researcher, “Socratic Epiméleia: a therapeutical model of drugaddict anonymous in Villahermosa, Tabasco, Mexico” in which he emphasizes on the intervention proposal developed in this city under the philosophical principle of caring for one’s soul, for one’s self.

Then, there is a study case on the abuse of quetiapine by the psychiatrist Erik García Muñoz in which the literature review includes case reports, epidemiological studies and animal studies with such substance.

Finally, there is a theoretical review article written by the Argentine Felipe Martin Drut, “Pharmakon: subjective solutions, derangements and re-elaborations”, the author establishes tree types of relationships between individuals and drugs: as an efficient and essential solution, as a relation related to anxiety and shame and as a relation in which drugs can be seen as something which holds a solution value that has diminished and in which the subject can set it aside.

This new number strives to interest researchers on the study of new substances and to question the addiction intervention methods; besides, inviting other people who are involved in this field to share their academic experience and broaden scientific knowledge.

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