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Presentation

An age is often understood as a considerably lengthy period in which elements defining when it starts and ends are easily identified; a period which should be withheld or kept due to the significance that they enclose and the potential contribution to human knowledge. To reach this number 115, our journal, *Public Administration Review* (*Revista de Administración Pública*), has gone through seven different ages, and each one of these respond to the context lived in every one of those moments. This issue is outlined based on the Board of Directors from 2008-2010 INAP, as well as a complex and changing domestic and international reality.

The first RAP issue was released in March 1956. From that time on, each issue has been in the search to approach the most relevant topics for Public Administration and of government officials and of interest to academic along each one of the political-administrative periods the country has undergone for the past fifty years.

Throughout its life, RAP has intended to reflect the study results from the main applied research centers in Mexico and the world, in the administrative science field in general and in the Public Administration field in particular. On several occasions, RAP has been the means for the presentation of specific administrative improvement proposals on behalf of INAP associates; as well as from Public Administration officials in our country.

Along these 52 years of existence, RAP has had 16 directors and has taken in the thoughts and feelings of more than 600 authors, who have given expression to their ideas in 866 articles, published in 114 issues. RAP has significantly contributed in such a way to the constant improvement of the Mexican Public Administration.

Different time periods can be identified along this performance of tasks, in accordance with the policies of change that successive governments of the Republic have established: Administration for Development; the Federal Executive Power Administrative Reform; Demo-

cratic Planning; Moral Renewal and Administrative Rationalization; Public Administration, Resizing and Modernization; the Good Government Agenda; and currently, Public Management Improvement Program.

In this new period, from this number 115 on, RAP incorporates to the circle of publications of IIAS (Administrative Science International Institute), therefore begins the publishing of integral articles both in Spanish and English, to the Public Administration improvement. To achieve this goal, RAP will professionally approach all issues pertaining to the State, Public Administration or current society, without undermining free research and discussion and criticism of administrative issues in Mexico, to which, without a doubt, solutions will be sought preserving the idea of who conceived this Institution in 1955.

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