

On the 40th Anniversary of the First Issue of ARCHIVOS DE BRONCONEUMOLOGÍA in April 1964

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It was at the Seventh Convention of the Spanish Section of the International Association for Bronchial Studies (AIEB) that took place in Bilbao in June 1962 that I first heard that the papers presented at previous conventions had never been published or distributed. Once Valencia had been established as the site of the Eighth Convention, to be celebrated in June 1963, the future board of directors was established there. The meetings started with Dr Luis de Velasco y Belusteguigoitia as President, Dr Carbonell Antolí (Professor of Clinical Surgery), Dr Bartual (Professor of Otorhinolaryngology), and Dr Juan Guallar (organizer the Eighth Convention) as Vice-Presidents, and Dr Javier Altabella Sanjuán as Secretary.

From the very beginning Dr Altabella Sanjuán and I insisted on the need to collect the plenary addresses and papers presented at the convention and distribute them among those attending. In this way the problem noted at the previous conventions was corrected.

Dr Altabella put us in touch with the LIADE Laboratories, who initially agreed to sponsor the publication of the plenary addresses. We immediately undertook publication of the first one, "Vascular and hemodynamic alterations in bronchiectasis" by Dr Francisco París Romeu of Valencia, and it was distributed to those attending the Eighth Convention.

In subsequent negotiations we managed to persuade LIADE Laboratories to sponsor publication of a journal every 3 months, to contain the remaining plenary addresses and other papers presented at the conference. We later chose the journal's size, single-column format, and white card cover and decided that it would not include any advertising except on the back cover.

The journal was to be printed in Madrid under the supervision of LIADE, and the galleys were to be flown to Valencia for proofreading and flown back to Madrid again. The address of the editorial department was that

of my own practice in Valencia, at 10 Ciscar Street, ground floor.

As Altabella Sanjuán and myself reached these agreements on behalf of the local committee of the Eighth Convention, the approval of the board of directors of the AIEB was needed. At a meeting with Drs Blanco and Coll (President and Vice-President) on 19 November, 1963, the proposals presented by the delegation of the Valencia Convention were approved, and it was accepted that the journal would be the official publication of the Spanish Section of the AIEB, and that this would figure on the cover and on the first page of the journal.

Several suggestions were made for the name of the journal but we finally agreed on my proposal, ARCHIVOS DE BRONCONEUMOLOGÍA. The title was intended to convey 2 different ideas: *Archivos* in the hope that the journal would serve as an archival record of all the papers presented at the successive national conventions and help disseminate the work, and *Bronconeumología* on the supposition that it should serve and reach a far greater number of pneumologists than the relatively limited group described as "bronchologists."

After collecting all the papers presented in the Eighth Convention and deciding that there was enough material to fill the 4 issues for the year, we proceeded to send the originals of the first issue to LIADE, through their delegate, Mr Soriano. The galleys were sent to Valencia using an express air courier, revised, and returned with corrections. The whole process caused a small delay in the publication of the first issue, which finally came out at the end of April 1964. It had a total of 70 pages and there was no obligation to include any advertisements for the products of LIADE Laboratories.

Issue number 1 came out approximately 2 years after we first considered the need to publish everything presented at the conventions. Because it was published at the end of April, the rest of the issues were delayed and in the first year only 3 journals were published. Figures 1 and 2 show the first pages of the journal. Figure 2 contains a list of the members of the board of directors of the AIEB. On the third page (Appendix)

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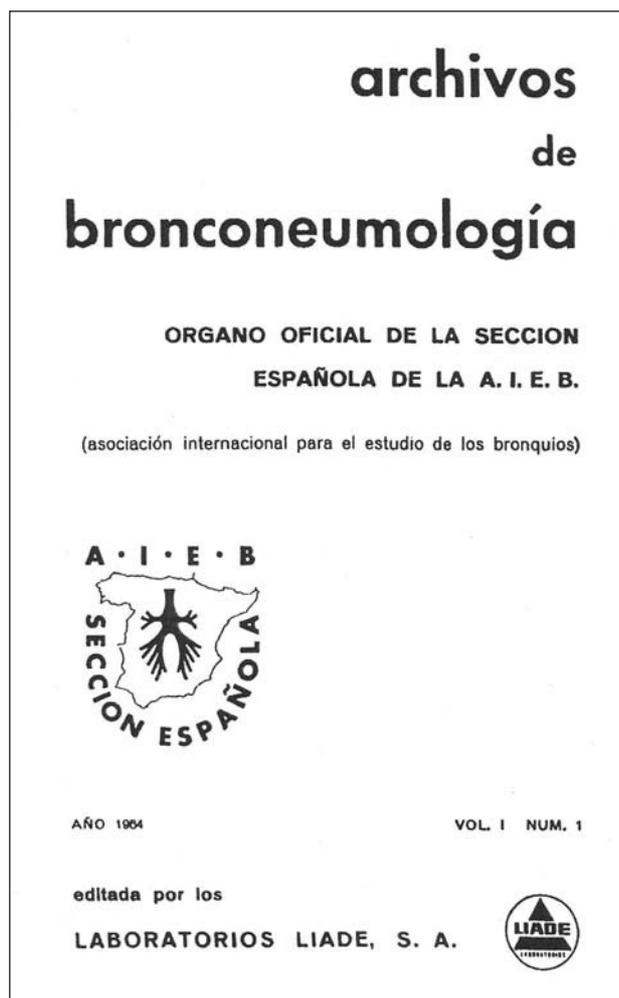


Figure 1. First page of the first issue of ARCHIVOS DE BRONCONEUMOLOGÍA published in April 1964 (size 24×15 cm).

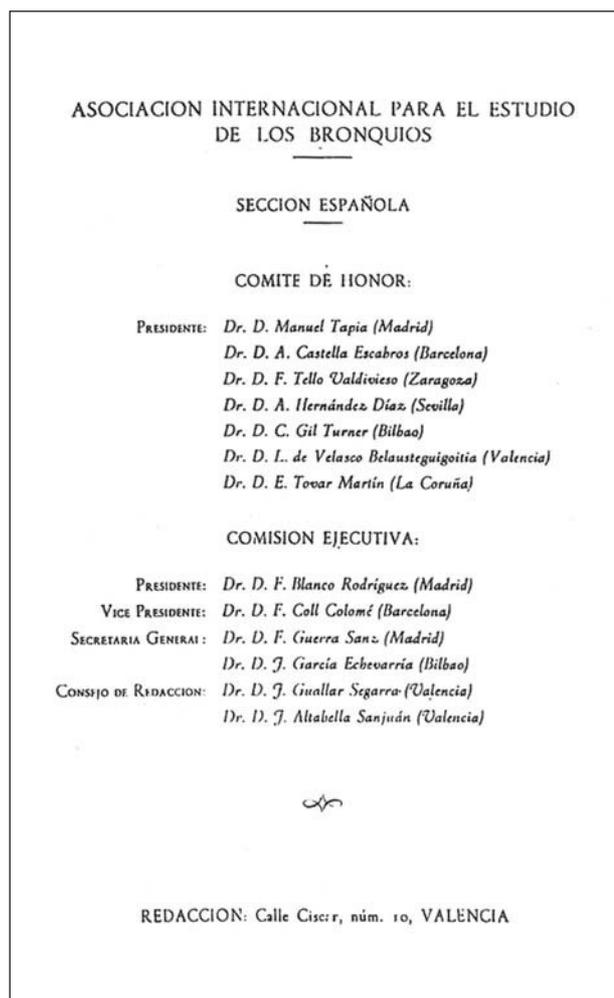


Figure 2. Composition of the board of directors of the Spanish Section of the International Association for Bronchial Studies (AIEB) when ARCHIVOS DE BRONCONEUMOLOGÍA was first published.

was the table of contents listing a foreword by Dr Blanco Rodríguez and 5 sections: the second plenary address by Drs Agustí, Cornudella, Martí-Lleonart, and Salvado; papers presented at the second plenary session; abstracts of articles from journals of reference; a list of articles grouped by journals; and miscellaneous information.

In his foreword the President of the Spanish Section of the AIEB wrote: "When the National Antituberculosis Council unilaterally broke off their agreement with the journal *Enfermedades del Tórax*, the resulting situation acted as a stimulus to the younger section of our society, and at a brilliant meeting in Valencia last June it was decided not to leave unpublished the excellent plenary addresses and the many papers which had caused so much interest among those attending the convention. Drs Altabella and Guallar communicated their enthusiasm to everyone they worked with and arranged for the necessary help, as our society does not possess the resources for such a large-scale undertaking. They

found this help from LIADE Laboratories. It was both warmly and generously given and I am pleased to communicate the gratitude of all our members. I hope that this issue will be the first of many, as seems likely given the strength and vigor shown year after year by the Spanish Section of the International Association for Bronchial Studies."

In the section "Abstracts of articles from journals of reference" there were summaries of articles from *Les Bronches* and also from *Etiologías Profesionales Crónicas* (by Drs K. de Vries, N. Orié, J. Goel, R. Booji Noors, and A. Ziederweg).

"Treatment for Tracheal and Bronchial Traumatism," the subject of a plenary session divided into 4 complementary addresses, was also summarized.

The section "List of articles grouped by journals" included studies published in *Revista Española de Tuberculosis*, *The American Review of Respiratory Diseases*, *The Lancet*, *Archives de Maladies Professionnelles*, *Die Tuberculose-Artz*, *British Journal of*

Industrial Medicine, and *JAMA*. These last 2 sections were drawn up after visits to the newspaper and periodicals library of the medical school of the University of Valencia, founded in 1962.

The last section, "Miscellaneous Information" gave details of the forthcoming Symposium on Bronchial Asthma (Bilbao, October 10 and 11) and the Ninth Annual Convention of the AIEB.

Over the last 40 years ARCHIVOS has prospered much more than we would have guessed at the beginning. We started publishing it with a great deal of enthusiasm and hardly any resources and did not imagine the position it would occupy today among Spanish medical publications. Over these 40 years there have been 5 directors: Dr Juan Guallar (10 years), Dr Coll Colomé (10 years), and for shorter periods of time Drs G. Manresa Fresas, J. Ruiz Manzano, and the present director, Dr M. Perpiñá Tordera.

This is just a short account summing up our ideas and projects, and the meetings and activities that were needed in order to start publishing a professional journal. Our journal's thriving development since that time shows that it was much needed and has done its job well. It would have been preferable to publish these notes on the 50th anniversary of ARCHIVOS DE BRONCONEUMOLOGÍA, but as we may no longer be present then, we have decided to take this opportunity to see the names of ARCHIVOS' enthusiastic founders appear in the journal for the last time. We look back with longing on those far-off times when the journal was the culmination of our professional activity.

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