

EDITORIAL



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In recent years, the Universidad Metropolitana de Educación, Ciencia y Tecnología - UMECIT, has managed to consolidate its growth and expansion, which is supported by an Institutional Development Plan (P.D.I.) prepared with the participation of the different interest groups.

The I.D.P. is a dynamic document that constitutes the main course of institutional development in all its areas and for the fulfillment of the social mission entrusted to it and enshrined in the institutional mission and vision. That is why it contains the programs and projects that guide the growth of the university during a five-year period.

These projects and orientations are aimed at fulfilling the pillars of the mission and vision, from internationalization, entrepreneurship, research, and training of human talent with values, for which it has developed a cyberhumanist curricular educational model, where technology is instrumentalized and is directed towards an electronic university.

In each and every one of the pillars, the university has achieved important achievements that allow us to consolidate nationally as the first private university in Panama according to the webometrics ranking and internationally, achieving greater coverage in the United States, Ecuador, Colombia, where the recognition of the quality of UMECIT is reflected in the validation of degrees by the authorities of these countries.

The institutional accreditation achieved by UMECIT in 2012 demonstrated to society the quality and commitment of the university, which will be ratified with the institutional reaccreditation that is being carried out this year.

The projection and prospective of UMECIT for the next five years will be approached from the institutional reaccreditation and will continue with projects and efforts aimed at growth, development and expansion in the disciplines, which will strategically contribute to the training of human talent demanded by society, according to national needs and the different latitudes.

Among the important aspects in this reaccreditation process is to show the dissemination of institutional scientific productions and the mechanisms that are implemented in this regard. That is why the university is constantly working to strengthen our own means of dissemination.

Today I am pleased to present the 17th edition of the Cathedra journal in the area of law and forensic sciences. Our own and external researchers share their knowledge and reflections through our publication, thus making available to the knowledge society their contributions to increase the existing information in this branch of knowledge, which will surely be useful for the national and international scientific and academic community. Enjoy this issue and all its contents.