The institutions that last.

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Abstract

Introduction: The phrase "Men pass, and institutions endure," attributed to the Frenchman Jean Monnet, has become a dogma, an irrefutable maxim frequently mentioned in public events and colloquial conversations. However, the article's author questions this phrase's coherence, arguing that institutions only sometimes last and that men do not always pass unnoticed.

Institutions and men: The author maintains that the institutions that last are founded on the backs of the men and women who fought and who fought to keep them alive. Although these men will be gone one day, their indelible marks will prevent their memories from passing.

The Alcívar Hospital: an example of a lasting institution: The Alcívar Hospital in Guayaquil is an institution that has endured over time. Almost nine decades of permanent work serving the community in medical care and academic training. Despite its difficulties, such as public health debt, the hospital has remained firm in its commitment to offering quality services and training new professionals.

The fundamental role of men and women in institutions: The author highlights that the success of institutions depends on the work and dedication of the men and women who make them up. Without them, institutions would be like trees without roots that die at the slightest setback.

Conclusion: The author concludes that men and women are the fundamental basis of institutions. They are the ones who make them last over time and turn them into agents of positive change in society.

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The Frenchman Jean Monnet immortalized the phrase, “Men pass, and institutions pass. "Endurance” [1], making it almost a dogma. This irrefutable maxim is undoubtedly mentioned daily in public or colloquial conversations worldwide.

However, even though I know the context in the Monnet said this the first time, I think the phrase has signs of incoherence in addition to being tremendously unfair; the fact is that institutions do not always last, and men do not always pass, at least not without pain nor glory. Furthermore, I would dare to say that the institutions that endure are cemented on the backs of the men and women who fought and fought to keep them alive and that, even if one day these men are no longer here, their indelible fingerprints will prevent your memory from happening.

Alcivar Hospital of Guayaquil is an institution that has spent almost nine decades of work and community service, both in medical care and in the field of academics. When those with a public debt threaten to phagocytize private hospitals, this institution is erected with gallantry unwavering without compromising the quality of its services, striving to maintain cutting-edge technology and the highest quality standards. Nevertheless, training new professionals through the execution of undergraduate and graduate programs, education of continuous medical care through medical conferences, and the publication of the journal “Actas Médicas (Ecuador)” have not been neglected.

No pandemic, earthquake, or debt prevented the realization of the annual Hospital Medical Conference, the event scientist who turns 35 years old and brings together hospital health professionals from different parts of the country. However, it is essential to remember that everything involves a tremendous effort. That work that they began the men and women 90 years ago, today we continue who we work all the days in this institution. Only by pulling up our shoulders will we be able to move the stones on the road; only with honesty, courage, and love can we advance with the forehead high, and only with enthusiasm and commitment can we fight against adversity.

So... What are the institutions without the men and women who make them up? They're like trees without roots; when they grow, they twist their trunk with the gentlest breeze and die going unnoticed. What men are for institutions are the seed, the root, the earth, and the fertilizer that will support the tree to stand imposing, sheltering with its shadow and giving fruits that will be recognized in a way as imperishable.

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