

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

After being dormant for many years, HOW, the journal of ASOCOPI has been reactivated. An ad hoc Editorial Committee based in Medellín worked very hard in pursuit of a mission — a mission whose cornerstone was laid down by the policies established by former Boards of Directors whose efforts made possible the wide circulation of the publication in many countries in the world.

The Editorial Committee is concerned with the improvement of the quality of English teaching in Colombia as well as having the journal serve as an effective means of communication among our English teachers. Like other similar publications, the role of HOW is to stimulate intellectual growth and professional advancement of all who are involved in English Teaching as a Foreign Language and Bilingual Education in Colombia.

In this first issue of HOW “new era”, we have included several papers that have been presented at conferences in Colombia, both by Colombian as well as invited specialists from abroad. The choice of articles in the journal reflects the attempt to cover the wide scope of topics that EFL has come to encompass. To exclude any would be an injustice to the truth of our profession. Articles are classified under Current Trends, Theoretical Issues, Focus on the Learner, Building Skills, and Classroom Activities.

We hope readers will find the content worthwhile and enjoyable, and we look forward to receiving comments and suggestions regarding this “re-inaugural” issue of HOW. Whatever we receive from you will be much appreciated support after the hard task undertaken by the Committee.

*Luis Fernando Gómez J., Ph.D.  
Chief Editor*

## From the BOARD OF DIRECTORS of ASOCOPI

*“The philosophic aim of education must be to get each one out of his isolated class and into the one humanity.”*

*Paul Goodman*

Publishing *HOW* again after all these years shows the interest of the Board of Directors, and Luis Fernando Gómez and his Editorial Committee, to rescue the good things from the past, to fulfill a commitment we have in the present with our community, and to look towards the future with the hope that the teaching of English in Colombia will ensure the development of better human beings.

As members of ASOCOPI, we feel the strong need to share the wonderful teaching experiences

from all over Colombia. The annual Congress, our Newsletter, the Groups of Interest, and *HOW* are just some of the examples of the need to express our teaching and, why not, our ongoing learning.

We want to invite YOU, dear English teacher, to be an active member of this change, and together with our students, build a better future for Colombia.

**WELCOME TO THE NEW “HOW”!**

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