The year of 2011 was a very special year for physicians who studied at Cayetano Heredia University. Our University celebrated its 50th year anniversary. Returning to the classrooms which we left many years ago and meeting once again with professors, old classmates and the university authorities, was an emotional experience. During the fifty years since its creation, the "Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Médicas y Biológicas", has changed. Our Alma Mater now offers 11 professional careers: Medicine, Stomatology, Psychology, Veterinary Medicine, Zootechnics, Pharmacy, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Systems Information, Nursing, Health Administration and Medical Technology. What a change and source of pride for all of us who got our start at old Belen Hall.

Under the leadership of the University President Fabiola León-Velarde and the Advisory Council, the celebrations were varied and special. A central focus was a scientific program which included both academic and research days. The artistic highlights included the female group “Las Rondallas” and the inclusion of several generations of “Tunas” (musical groups of medieval origins). The main ceremony took place on September 22, followed by the University Reunion which brought together about 3,000 people, including alumni, students, faculty members and guests. It was something we will never forget. As President of the PAE, I invite alumni of the Peruvian University Cayetano Heredia and other Medical Schools to join us in San Antonio, Texas, to celebrate the University’s Golden Anniversary in the United States by means of a great fellowship party. We need to continue to grow as an association; this will allow us to continue our help to the university which helped us to grow and to become professionals as well as individuals who recognize our social obligation to our beloved Peru. To inquire about our forthcoming meeting in Texas, please get in touch with me by E-Mail at: abeldamd@gmail.com

Antonio Belda, M.D.
President - PAE

Fabiola León-Velarde, President, Cayetano Heredia University and Antonio Belda.

Several past members of the “Tuna” got one more chance to play and sing together.
The Peruvian Cayetano Heredia University was born on July 25, 1961 with the creation of the School of Medicine by former Faculty Members from the National Mayor University of San Marcos, San Fernando School of Medicine, under the leadership of Drs. Alberto Hurtado and Honorio Delgado. On September 22 of the same year, by Governmental Decree it was constituted as the official creation of the Private University of Medical and Biological Sciences which shortly after on February 24, 1965 would change its name to Peruvian University Cayetano Heredia.

Currently, The Peruvian University Cayetano Heredia has eight schools offering fourteen professional career tracks in Medicine, Stomatology, Sciences, Public Health, Nursing, Psychology, Veterinary Medicine and Education. There are approximately 6,000 students: 3,500 undergraduate and 2,500 as graduate students.

The University has three campuses: North San Martin de Porres, East La Molina and South Miraflores. The first one focuses on advanced year students. On the La Molina Campus students typically are in their first two years of undergraduate studies. In Miraflores, where the Honorio Delgado House is located, the focus is on some post graduate courses, a cultural center, and for certain research projects.

For the future a project is under development to create a center of innovation on a parcel of land donated by the Municipality of the District of Santa Maria. The idea is to create Research Institutes, a Health Care Center and a Business Incubator.

In particular, The Peruvian University Cayetano Heredia has earned a well-deserved reputation for its research and for its number of publications it has ranked at the top of Peruvian Universities. The University has three well known Institutes: Tropical Medicine, High Altitude Research, and Gerontology.

The School of Medicine was the first in the country to get International Accreditation (which recently was renewed for another five years). The University also has established agreements with Higher Education Centers in all five continents and periodically receives international students from around the world. The University was also among the first to implement programs to benefit students by means of distance learning, and implementing the necessary infrastructure.

The Peruvian American Medical Society has plans to work cooperatively with the University in long distance teaching for the benefit of Universities across the country. The PAMS pays tribute to the Peruvian University Cayetano Heredia for its accomplishments in teaching and research over the past 50 years.

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