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Brazilian educator Paulo Freire used to say “Education does not change the world, but it changes people who are going to change the world”. That appropriate and ongoing sentence, leads us to a profound reflection on the ease of accessing to it in our country. Today we can see that the Colombian government is presenting a special and necessary attention to education, which can be seen in the National Development Plan 2014-2018: “All for a new country” which purpose is to build a Colombia in peace, equal and educated. Furthermore, the Ministry of National Education received in 2016 a significant budget allocation accounting for 18.6% of the General Budget of the Nation, becoming one of the main priorities of the national government; this evidences the important role of education, not only in the country’s development, but also in the construction of the long-awaited peace. Specially when the period of “post agreement” begins, for it will demand from education a valuable contribution in the development of issues such as historical memory, the development of initiatives for the reintegration of the guerrillas, the approach of models that allow a sustainable peace, among others. Therefore, the urgent need for all academic cloisters to participate actively and assertively in these processes.

In this sense, the Colombian Air Force through its Postgraduate School has been working on strengthening its academic offerings, in order to have programs with quality and relevance that impact the aviation sector. These programs may be pursued by anyone who meets the requirements of the law, which will become a huge opportunity to share our experiences and knowledge gained in these 96 years of history of our force, in an academic environment that encourages the innovation and the technological development of the Colombian aviation.

Let this be the preamble to present our No 10 volume of the journal Science and Air Power, where you will find interesting and original scientific papers, reflection papers, reviews, case reports, and short articles that invite readers to immerse themselves in the responsible and vibrant research of our columnists, who with holistic view cover topics such as Safety and Aeronautical Logistics, Management and Strategy, Technology and Innovation and Teaching and Education.

Finally, I would like to exalt the commendable work that perform each and every one of the people who participate, year after year in our publishing projects; as well as my sincere thanks to all change agents who made part of this new volume, edition number 10, which is printed with the ink and heart of those who wish to leave a mark on our society.

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