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It is a great pleasure to announce, at the 11th edition of *Mirabilia Medicinæ*, to the international Healthcare Academic community the partnership between the *Institut d'Estudis Medievals* (IEM) of the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (UAB) and the *Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity* (CBHD) of the Trinity International University, towards the improvement of the Medical Humanities debate.

For this edition, at December 2018, we received the contribution of three articles.

The first article comes from this editor, *Teacher Merit in Medical Education*, brings a discussion about the recognition of teacher merit as an important tool for improving the quality of medical education, provided that it is executed according to an appropriate award plan, explicit and consistent with the institutional values and vision. This paper discusses ways of recognizing the academic merit, the different types of awards and their evidences.

The second article, from **Patrícia Duarte Deps**, **Rachel Bertolani do Espírito Santo** and **Francisco E. Simão Merçon**, entitled *Pedro Fontes, the physician who discovered leprosy in Espírito Santo Province*, is a biographical article which deals with the figure of Pedro Fontes, a physician graduated in 1903 by the *Faculdade de Medicina da Bahia*, who came to the State of Espírito Santo in 1927 with the mission of evaluating the possible existence of people affected by leprosy.

After a few months of work all over the state, Pedro Fontes identified a large number of people affected by leprosy and triggered the local health authorities, alerting the need

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for a specific place for isolation and treatment of patients. Pedro Fontes participated actively, being a mentor with Dr. Heráclito Souza-Araújo, of the creation and construction of the Colony of Itanhenga, inaugurated in 1937, later becoming the Colony Hospital Pedro Fontes, institution responsible for housing people affected by leprosy that were hospitalized compulsorily until the middle 1960's.

The third article, from **Jorge Cruz, Luciana Fernandes** and **Celso Belo**, entitled *The contribution of PRIME for humanizing healthcare in Mozambique*, presents the contribution of the association PRIME – Partnerships in International Medical Education – for the humanization of healthcare in Mozambique since 2009 through courses on medical and nursing schools.

As one can perceive, this is an edition of brief essays. *Mirabilia Medicinæ* continues its mission to be a specialized section in Medical Humanities of *Mirabilia Journal*, which is the mother journal of three specific academic sections – *Mirabilia Ars*, *Mirabilia Medicinæ* and *Mirabilia/MedTrans* –, each one with its respective international partnership: *Colectivo para el análisis pluridisciplinar de la iconografía religiosa europea* (CAPIRE) of the Universidad Complutense de Madrid (UCM), *Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity* (CBHD) of the Trinity International University and *Center of Catalan Studies* (CCS) of the University of California Santa Barbara.

Our hope is that the partnership with CBHD can open new fields of intellectual exchange.