

Challenges of Ergonomics in Ecuador

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Abstract: Ergonomics in Ecuador, is in a period of diffusion and growth, but still has great challenges ahead, to be able to say that it has spread across the national territory, to talk about these was divided into three main axes of analysis: education, industry and public policy. From these three foci of analysis, information was collected from public sources of information, which provide an idea or baseline of the situation of ergonomics in Ecuador, i.e. the state of the art and compare it with regional references, within the findings there are positive aspects within the academy and a level of support in the industry but only at the level of transnational corporations, from the point of view of public policy the landscape is more devastating since Ecuador lacks public support for research within lines close to ergonomics or specific in them; as well as the scant importance of this science, within the execution of norms or laws that help to improve the welfare of the citizens of the state, among the pending tasks are: To raise the anthropometric profile of Ecuadorians, including the chair of ergonomics in non-specific third-level technical programs, broadening the vision of ergonomics beyond occupational safety and health, broadening the lines of research and development within higher education institutions, promoting the development of public policies that seek productivity and well-being of the Ecuadorians.

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