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PROFESSIONAL INTRUSION AND CONFLICTS IN THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACISTS OF SEVILLE (1892-1931)

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In the transition from the XIX to the XX century, the *Official College of Pharmacists of Seville* went through all kind of conflicts, both internally and externally, for almost four decades.

Regarding internal conflicts, there were many changes in the governmental structure in Seville as a result of the disputes and struggles of different interests among their members. Changes brought about by compulsory membership were introduced. These were launched in 1891 and culminated in 1916 after a failed attempt in 1898

Regarding external conflicts, we must emphasize the one maintained by the drogueros who would sell medical products. These new drugs, *especialidades farmacéuticas*, came from the secret remedies and were not fully controlled by the State. This flexibility generated confusion and actions were contradictory and ineffective. The Colegio of Seville struggled to defend their interests. After long years of struggles, the balance finally swung in 1931 when the pharmacists faced the industrialization process of the medicines, the scientific studies and the creation of an efficient system of distribution.