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## Welcome on Board

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Stephen Bayne

It is a great pleasure and honor for me to introduce Dr. Stephen Bayne as our new Associate Editor and member of the Board of Editors of *Clinical Oral Investigations*. He follows Dr. Syngcuk Kim, Philadelphia, who completed his term of service as Associate Editor. Let me take the opportunity to sincerely thank Dr. Kim in the name of the Board of Editors and the Editorial Board for his work and effort devoted to this journal over the years.

Dr. Bayne has served for many years on the Editorial Board of this journal as reviewer and his advice during Editorial Board meetings and his commitment for this journal were always highly appreciated. Dr. Bayne has just been elected Vice-President of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). His term of service will start after the 2004 IADR Annual Meeting in Hawaii in March 2004. After being President-elect in 2005, he will become President of IADR in 2006. On behalf of the Editors of this journal, I would like to warmly congratulate Steve on this great honor and wish

him luck for the challenging, though interesting, time ahead of him.

Dr. Stephen Bayne completed his B.A. at Carleton College, Northfield, MN, in 1968 in "Biology". He completed his graduate studies at Northwestern University, Chicago, IL, where he earned a M.S. and Ph.D. in the area of "Biological Materials". Since 1984 he has affiliated with the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill as Section Head of Biomaterials. Since 1992, he has been full professor in Operative Dentistry.

Dr. Bayne served as Board member and officer for several scientific organizations. He was President of the Academy of Dental Materials from 1989–1991, President of the Dental Materials Group of IADR in 1994, AADR Board member for 9 years and President of AADR in 2000. His advice and his leadership were highly appreciated and based on a sound and very impressive scientific oeuvre. He has published 98 research and teaching articles, 43 book chapters, one book, two theses and he holds two patents. He is a dedicated and enthusiastic speaker with more than 160 national and international scientific presentations and over 220 continuing education presentations. Dr. Bayne has been recognized with several special awards and honors. Since 1981 he has received 20 teaching excellence awards for his work in dental education. He was part of the first class elected to Fellowship in the Academy of Dental Materials. He received Award of Merit in 1999 from the Academy of Dentistry International. He is an Honorary Member of the UNC Alumni Association (2000) and received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Carlton College (2003). He was just selected by the University of North Carolina for the 2004 Professor of Teaching Excellence Award.

This brief review of Steve's curriculum vitae shows him as a dedicated teacher and distinguished researcher with a high reputation within the dental scientific community and with a strong input both on scientific matters in his main research area, dental materials, and on the politics of research. We are glad to have Steve on the Board of Editors and we are looking forward to a fruitful and productive cooperation for the sake of *Clinical Oral Investigations*.

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