

## Daniel van Steenberghe hands over the Associate Editor position to Reinhilde Jacobs

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Since the very first ideas surfaced on the founding of this journal, and the first steps were initiated to set it into reality, Daniel van Steenberghe was on board and he was instrumental in many aspects. He always emphasized that *dental* research should be opened to *oral* research, which was immediately accepted, and this led to the title of this journal. He also was very active in the acquisition of manuscripts for the first issues of this journal, which was - for a new journal in a competitive field - not easy. Finally, he invested a large amount of time, as well as his outstanding expertise in the oral research field as Associate Editor of this journal. Now, after ten years the journal has grown to be a member of the international oral research publication field. With more than 4500 mostly electronic subscriptions, more than 180 manuscripts submitted yearly, and now being listed in all relevant medical databanks, this journal is internationally visible and recognized. Presently, the ISI Impact-Factor is being established. Daniel van Steenberghe had played a great and important part in this development.

Daniel is retiring from all his professional dental activities in spring 2007 and he also wishes to retire from the position of Associate Editor, which is definitely a loss for this journal. I would like to take this opportunity to gratefully thank him for his outstanding contributions to

this journal. I am also grateful for his thoughtful Editorial printed above. Our best wishes are with him for his future activities.

As a new Associate Editor let us welcome Prof. Reinhilde Jacobs. She is a dentist and she also holds a doctorate in dentistry (PhD, Catholic University Leuven), a master in dental radiology (University London) and she is a periodontologist (KU Leuven). She is professor at the School of Dentistry of the KU Leuven, heading the Oral Imaging Center and the Leuven Research & Development Division of the European DentoMaxilloFacial Imaging Network (EDMIN). She is the past-president of the Diagnostic Systems Group of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). Besides, she acts as European Director of the International Association of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology (IADMFR) and is a board member (Belgian representative) in the European Academy for DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology (EADMFR). In the past, she has been working as a postdoctoral fellow of the European Community with Prof. Brånemark (Institute for Applied Biotechnology) and Prof. B. Rydevik (Department Orthopedics, University of Göteborg) in Göteborg, Sweden (1994–1995). Reinhilde has received the IADR Young Investigators Award (1998) and the Belgian Joachim Award in the Odontostomatology (1999). She has extensive editorial experience from working with a number of different journals.

As our new Associate Editor, Reinhilde Jacobs will continue Daniel's work and further emphasize the important and growing field of imaging in clinical oral research. Reinhilde, welcome on Board!

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