

# Address from the Editor-in-Chief

Dear Readers,

Being the new Editor-in-Chief for Dental Traumatology I wish to thank Martin Trope for the great development we have seen for our journal during his leadership. Already at the start of his editorship Martin took the wise decision to change the name of the journal from a former journal associated with Endodontics to the present name Dental Traumatology which has also attracted other specialists to read and write and widened the field of the journal to all specialties and general dentists. The field of Dental Traumatology truly comprises all dentists and dental specialties and there are practically no professionals, regardless of specialty, who have not been exposed to trauma patients either in the emergency phase or treated consequences of trauma. This makes us all a family with one common interest - to communicate and increase our knowledge in this field for the best of our patients.

We are going to publish original scientific papers, review articles in the form of comprehensive reviews over larger fields and mini reviews over smaller topics, case reports and short communications about clinical methods and techniques. From 2007 we have enabled online submission for our authors. Thanks to the internet, communication and globalization, the world is today a smaller place and it is possible today to fully rely on internet communication when editing and publishing a scientific journal. We can rapidly communicate with each other regardless of where we are in the world. The editing and publishing processes can now be shortened considerably enabling a higher quality by eliminating the waiting time for conventional mail to be sent between continents. Our authors and

editorial board members are spread all over the world and our Editorial office is located here in Kuwait, Blackwell-Munksgaard's office is in Denmark, Blackwell Publishing office is in United Kingdom and our journal is printed in Singapore! With the press of a button we can all reach each other within seconds and have common access to the material.

The internet has also enabled online access for our readers. Clinicians, researchers and students all over the world now have online access to Dental Traumatology through their libraries, institutions, clinics or privately. The annual growth of online article downloads is doubled every year and articles from Dental Traumatology are today downloaded more than 100 000 times per year and rapidly increasing. Today it is also possible for colleagues in countries in the developing world to have free online access to Dental Traumatology within institutions in the developing world through the HINARI program set up by World Health Organization together with major publishers.

Enjoy being part of a truly international team with a common interest – the field of Dental Traumatology.

Sincerely  
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