

New face and further development

EDITORIAL

You are now holding the 'new' *Dental Traumatology* in your hands and you have probably already noticed some major changes. Besides a new cover design, which will be the same for the whole year's volume, the text layout for the articles in the journal has been improved and the total number of pages has increased.

Dental Traumatology seems to be the journal chosen by authors active in the wide field of oral trauma. The number of submitted manuscripts to our journal is increasing. In spite of a tough peer-review process where only a few of all submitted articles are accepted for publication, the number of good articles is steadily growing. This is a very positive trend but has also resulted in longer publication times. One year ago, we changed into an online submission system and also the peer-review process is now carried out on Internet. This will enable us to considerably shorten the time for review and together with the increased number of pages in each issue the publication times will be even shorter.

Our journal is apparently very appreciated worldwide among readers and more and more colleagues and students have access to our journal on line through individual subscriptions or through their libraries and institutions. The number of downloads are doubled for every year and when writing this we estimate the number of downloads for 2007 to exceed 200 000!

This is very stimulating for us in the editorial board and we are ready to meet the new challenges. With a new face of the journal, we will also in the future continue to do our best to keep our high standard of articles and further stimulate the development of *Dental Traumatology* for the best of our readers, authors and in the end our trauma patients.

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