

EDITORIAL



Editor-in-Chief:
Professor Paul Dummer

Welcome to the January 2008 issue of the *International Endodontic Journal*! I hope you have noticed already the changes we have made to the format and style of the journal. The purpose of this editorial is to let you know more about the fundamental changes we have made to the Editorial Board, in particular, the appointment of several Associate Editors who will support me in the next stage of the Journal's development.

The scope of the *International Endodontic Journal* remains the same, that is, to be a leading international forum for publications in the field of Endodontology, the branch of dental sciences dealing with health, injuries to and diseases of the pulp and periradicular region, and their relationship with systemic well-being and health. The Journal will continue to be published monthly, and strive to publish peer-reviewed original articles of the highest international quality. Original scientific articles will be published in the areas of biomedical science, applied materials science, bioengineering, epidemiology and social science relevant to endodontic disease and its management, and to the restoration of root canal treated teeth. Relevant review articles, clinical reports, book reviews, summaries and abstracts of scientific meetings, news items and advertising features will also be considered.

The values, mission, aims and key objectives of the *International Endodontic Journal* provide a clear foundation for our ongoing strategies, policies, action plans and specific targets as we progress towards our vision of being a top-ranked scientific Journal, noted for our contributions to clinical science and for the service we provide to our readers and contributing authors.

Our vision is to be a world-leading scientific journal

To be the very best in the world is the most challenging goal we can set ourselves. Only by striving for the very highest international standards in research and clinical innovation can we realize the full potential of the academic and clinical communities and encouraging the highest standards of patient care.

Our mission is to inspire, support and disseminate research and clinical innovation of the highest international distinction.

The *International Endodontic Journal* acknowledges the competitive environment in which it operates, and strives to serve the needs of a diverse readership. The Editorial Board seeks to support authors and assist those preparing scientific and clinical reports that may have a significant bearing on clinical science and patient care.

The mission of the Editorial Board is underpinned by the desire to create an atmosphere of excellence, integrity and innovation within a culture of dignity, inclusiveness, courtesy and respect.

Our key objectives are:

- To publish scientific, review and clinical articles within the broad field of Endodontology
- To support authors in disseminating their research findings to the widest possible readership
- To inspire authors to undertake and report randomized controlled trials
- To encourage authors to undertake and submit original laboratory-based scientific articles
- To encourage authors to undertake and submit literature reviews on topical issues
- To encourage authors to develop and report advances in clinical care, innovative techniques and case reports
- To support individual, society, commercial and institutional subscribers

To support these challenging goals the *International Endodontic Journal* has assembled a team of international experts in Endodontology to ensure papers of the highest quality and clinical relevance are published. Details of the Editorial Board appear below, including the Editorial Co-ordinator who controls the Editorial

Office and the Manuscript Central website that is used to manage the editorial process.

The Consultant Editors will have the role of advising the Editor-in-Chief on the strategic direction and future development of the journal. The Associate Editors will have a more hands-on role and, amongst other activities, will be responsible for: the critical appraisal and processing of papers in defined areas of Endodontology; assisting in the identification of specialist referees and the creation of a team of referees with special interest/expertise in their defined area of Endodontology; developing and applying quality guidelines for the acceptance and rejection of papers and to ensure balance in areas of controversy. The Associate Editors have been selected for their specialist knowledge and expertise in research and clinical practice. John Whitworth has passed on the Clinical Section to Jeremy Hayes and, from 2008

onwards, will take on the role of overseeing Review Articles. The other Associate Editors will take responsibility for key areas of Endodontology: Michael Hülsmann will take over responsibility for papers submitted under the broad heading of 'canal preparation'; Min-Kai Wu will take on papers in the field of canal filling; Kishor Gulabivala will oversee submissions on endodontic microbiology; Ove Peters will be responsible for papers on pulp biology and Matthias Zehnder will oversee submissions on several topics including Disinfectants and Immunology.

The remaining Board members will contribute to the critical appraisal of manuscripts as well as the promotion of the journal and associated activities.

I am delighted to have such a talented and dynamic support structure to ensure the *International Endodontic Journal* achieves its vision and mission and delivers on its key objectives.



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