

## EDITORIAL

2008 was a successful year for the *IEJ*, with a record high Impact Factor, record high download of articles from the website and a record number of submissions. Clearly, such successes are a reflection of the effectiveness of the editorial team and of the new editorial structure introduced last year, particularly the dynamic team of Associate Editors working in specialist topic areas.

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*Paul M.H. Dummer  
Editor-in-Chief*

## Two new associate editors appointed to the *IEJ* team



Yuan-Ling (Paula) Ng BDS, MSc, MRD RCS (Eng), FHEA

Paula graduated from the University of Hong Kong in 1985 and spent 9 years practising general dentistry in the Government Dental Service in Hong Kong. She was granted a Hong Kong Government Scholarship to undertake the MSc programme in Endodontics at the Eastman Dental Institute, London,

UK in 1994–1995, which she passed with distinction. She then returned to Hong Kong and was promoted to the rank of Senior Dental Officer. In the 2 years that she spent in Hong Kong, she developed a referral endodontic service for the Government Dental Services. She was also appointed Honorary Clinical Lecturer in the University of Hong Kong and contributed to postgraduate teaching. In 1997, she returned to the Eastman as a full-time Clinical Lecturer in Endodontics. She served as the Senior programme coordinator for 10 years and became the Programme Director for the MSc in Endodontics and MClintDent in Endodontology programmes in 2007. She has also lectured to local and international professional bodies.

Paula's research interests include the themes of treatment outcome, endodontic microbiology and tooth biomechanics, pursued by the department but finds particular enjoyment in study design and data analyses. The subject of her recently completed PhD programme was clinical outcome of nonsurgical root canal treatment. She has successfully supervised/co-supervised over 40 MSc/MClintDent research projects on the above themes and published widely. She serves as a Member of the European Society of Endodontology Research Committee and as a referee for various journals.

Paula will focus her Associate Editor role on Epidemiology, including clinical outcome studies.



Matt German BEng, MSc, PhD

Matthew German is a Lecturer in Dental Materials at Newcastle University, UK. His first degree was in Materials Science awarded at the University of Liverpool (1993), followed by a MSc (1994) and a PhD (1999) in Biomedical Materials both awarded by the University of London. Following completion of his studies, Dr German worked, firstly, as a Research Assistant in London developing new bone cements, and subsequently, as a Research Associate at Lancaster University developing novel scanned probe microscope techniques to characterise the interactions between proteins and synthetic biomaterial surfaces. Since moving to Newcastle, his research has concentrated on developing polymeric scaffolds for tissue engineering and on applying novel sub-micron scale characterisation techniques to dental materials, with a view to improving properties such as wear resistance and bond strength.

Matt will focus his Associate Editor role on Biomaterials.

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