

Online submission

I am pleased to announce that online submission and reviewing will be available from 1 May 2007. This means that only online submitted articles will be accepted and that the paper era is over. The Editorial Assistant will continue to be responsible for correspondence with the authors about matters arising during the reviewing process.

The advantages of the change will include shorter publication times, as it will reduce the time necessary for reviewing. This means that I can make a quicker decision on whether an article is accepted, which will, in turn, speed up the whole process. Another advantage is that electronic submission makes it easier for the authors to submit an article. The authors are guided along through the process, which is more or less self-explanatory. The same is true for the reviewers.

Information on how the process works is available at the Manuscript Central site, where authors also have to go to

upload their manuscript: <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/IDH>. The site should be running from 1 May 2007.

The online readership is increasing. In 2006, more than 17 500 articles were downloaded - an increase of 25%. This figure shows that the *International Journal of Dental Hygiene* is being read by a large group of people which is satisfying for a 'young' journal.

The number of pages per issue is around 60 pages. I would like to increase this number and I hope that, through online submission, more readers are inspired to send in their research. It is only through the continued support of authors that the journal can exist at all.

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Editor-in-Chief

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