

EDITORIAL

Dear colleagues and friends,

This is my last editorial and I would like to thank all those who have supported the journal.

I would like to start by thanking Lone Schou who conceived the idea to create the *International Journal of Dental Hygiene*, who persuaded Munksgaard to go ahead and to my large surprise, asked me to become the first editor-in-chief. To this day, I am glad that I was given the opportunity for I thoroughly enjoyed working on this journal.

I would like to thank the Editorial Board and the Associate Editors. You really have supported me and without you, the articles would have been of a much lower quality. You gave me many ideas to improve the journal and the fact that the journal was on PubMed within 3 years of the start of the publication shows how well you did your work.

To all the authors who submitted their articles to this journal I would like to say: 'Thank you very much'. I enjoyed reading all your manuscripts even though not all were accepted. You taught me a lot.

On average, the journal has about a 100 different reviewers each year. Reviewing is hard work, the reward seems little but it is such an important process in the amelioration of an article. Thank you so much for all you have done for me. Special

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The journal has done well over these last years growing continually in the amount of members (around 4000), the libraries, the hits, the downloads, and the number of contributed articles and what pleases me most is a real large growth in articles written by dental hygienists!

It is with pleasure and confidence that I now introduce you to the new editor-in-chief Professor Kerstin Öhrn. She is very well qualified for the job and I am positive she will take the *International Journal of Dental Hygiene* to new heights.

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