

NOTE FROM THE PUBLISHER

A tribute to the Founding Editor and a warm welcome to a new Editorial Team

Welcome to this first 2011 issue of *International Journal of Dental Hygiene*. As you can see, the journal has been given a new look, a new aim and scope and a new Editorial Team headed by Professor Kerstin Öhrn. It is an appropriate moment therefore for all of us concerned with the dentistry programme at Wiley-Blackwell to recognize the immense contribution made by Ms. Marjolijn Hovius, whose term of office as Editor-in-Chief ended in December 2010.

Marjolijn is the founding Editor of *International Journal of Dental Hygiene*. In 2001, Marjolijn was approached by Blackwell-Munksgaard (later Wiley-Blackwell) and offered the position of Editor-in-Chief of this new and 'experimental' journal. In 2001, dental hygiene was a developing research area and was viewed as the subservient little sister in dental research. The ambition of the journal and the objective of Marjolijn were to change this perspective and in 2002 *International Journal of Dental Hygiene* was born as a truly research journal and as *the* media for oral health and hygiene dissemination. Marjolijn has, with the Editorial Board and with the dedicated support of IFDH, built up the journal with real energy and enthusiasm. Today, *International Journal of Dental Hygiene* moves into its ninth volume and is approaching adulthood for a research journal. The journal is highly respected and is increasing in success in every parameter as seen from a publisher's perspective. The number of subscribers and readers is

growing and we observe an increase in the amount of submissions and citations every year. For all of this and for all the work and energy put into the continuous development of the journal, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Marjolijn Hovius and her Editorial Team.

The focus and objective for the adulthood of *International Journal of Dental Hygiene* are to develop its scientific position and achieve an Impact Factor. Prof. Kerstin Öhrn will take over the editorship for the journal from 2011. Kerstin is a highly respected researcher in Oral Health Sciences and has recently achieved a professorship from Dalarna University, Sweden. Kerstin Öhrn also introduces an active and highly esteemed group of Associate Editors and an impressive Editorial Board to run the peer-review process and to develop the journal even further. We are happy and proud to welcome Kerstin, the Associate Editors and the Editorial Board. It is exciting times for dental hygiene as an area of research and for the journal. We look forward to the future work of the journal and hope for continued support from you – readers and authors of *International Journal of Dental Hygiene*.

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