



EDITORIAL

A scientific journal relies on excellent authors, but also reviewers and editors. It is with great sadness that I announce the loss of a truly inspiring dental hygiene professional, Dr Michele Darby, who passed away recently. Dr Darby was one of the Associate Editors from the start of the journal and has contributed extensively to the journal and hereby to the dental hygiene society. She served as Associate Editor for many years and stayed at the Editorial Board until now. She was also a well-known editor and author of the textbook *Dental Hygiene Theory and Practice* together with Margaret Walsh. The book has been and is used by many dental hygiene students as well as licensed dental hygienists all over the world. The book has contributed to move the profession into a genuine theory-based direction, but is at the same time an excellent guide to

day-to-day clinical practice. She was a respectable researcher with numerous publications in international journals and was a frequent invited speaker at symposia and conferences globally. Her contribution to education and research is of greatest value for the profession and consequently also to the oral health. She was a great role model for any dental hygienist. The best way to honour Dr Darby is to continue her dedicated work to the profession and to promote oral health. We have lost a great colleague, and our thought is with Dr Darby's family and friends.

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