

Editorial

This year's British Society of Paediatric Dentistry (BSPD) supplement of the *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry* (IJPd) is an impressive issue, in terms of both quality and quantity. Historically, the supplement has served the valuable role of publishing abstracts presented at the annual scientific meeting of BSPD. However, following an editorial decision, by the Journal, to only publish BSPD clinical guidelines and policy documents online, the supplement also presented an opportunity to produce these important documents as a hard copy. This initiative was viewed favourably by the membership and publication costs were met by BSPD.

You will notice that the 2008 supplement has now seen a further development: inclusion of the BSPD *Clinical Effectiveness Bulletin*. This was initially proposed as a practical and cost-effective strategy to publish audit projects, but it also serves to comprehensively disseminate the full range of the Society's academic and clinical activity. It is, in a sense, a portfolio of all our endeavours, over the past year, to further improve children's dental health and care provision in the UK.

It is imperative, therefore, that we only publish work of the highest standard, whether it relates to research, clinical practice or audit. A number of new initiatives are now being discussed to ensure that future conference abstracts, audit publications and guidelines are all subject to the most robust peer-review prior to publication. It is also important, that any publication in the IJPd supplement stands up to international scrutiny, and I am grateful to our Editor-in-Chief, Professor Göran Dahllöf, for editorial freedom in this respect. Keep up the good work everybody!

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