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There's Good News, and There's Bad News

STOP reading for a minute. Now, close the journal, and take a very close look at the cover page. See anything different? No, we have not changed the color, or our logo, and yes, the photos on the cover change with each issue. However, the astute reader will note one very significant difference from past issues of the *Journal of Prosthodontics*. That difference is at the very top left corner of the cover. Note that, for the first time in the history of the *Journal*, this issue is labeled "January-February," not just March, June, September, or December. For the very first time, you will begin receiving the *Journal of Prosthodontics* bi-monthly, rather than quarterly, as you have for the past 14 plus years! Now, isn't that good news?

This change is the result of a lot of hard work and careful contract renegotiations between the ACP Central Office, the Editorial Office of the *Journal of Prosthodontics*, and Blackwell Publishing. The Editorial Office has received so many high quality manuscripts that, had we not moved to six issues a year, the turn-around time from the date an article was accepted to the time it was published was 20 months, which we felt was unrealistic. You, our readers, deserve the latest, most up-to-date research, clinical reports, and techniques that we can provide; and, you, our authors, deserve to have your work published as expeditiously as possible.

We had the choice of keeping a quarterly publication and increasing the number of pages we printed in each issue, or publishing more frequently with the same number of pages in an issue. Publishing six issues per year allows us not only to shorten the time from acceptance to publication of manuscripts, but also allows increased advertising revenues, and certainly more timely articles.

And, there's more good news. We renegotiated our contract such that publishing six issues per year would not result in any price increase to

our members—talk about a tremendous member benefit! And, there's still more good news. In 2005, we surpassed the number of manuscripts submitted to the *Journal of Prosthodontics* by leaps and bounds. Our previous record was in 2002, when we received 92 manuscripts. As of October 1 of this year, we have already received 115 manuscripts! That's a 25% increase—and we still have 3 months to go! However, don't think for a minute that we publish everything we receive—our rejection rate is at an all-time high also. We're committed to publishing the best research, clinical reports, techniques and technologies, book reviews, and topics of interest for our readers. And, we are steadfastly analyzing ways to pack more into each issue of the *Journal of Prosthodontics* for you.

Now, while all of this seems like good news, there is some bad to go with it—two more publications a year means more work for the Editorial Office, for our Section Editors, and for our reviewers. The tireless efforts of this unique group of individuals cannot be recognized sufficiently—take a close look at the Masthead for a complete listing of this fine cadre of editors and reviewers. The next time you see one of our Section Editors, or members of our Editorial Review Board, please take the time to thank them for their efforts—without them, the *Journal of Prosthodontics* would not be moving forward with the level of excellence we currently enjoy. So, sit back, relax, and enjoy this first of six issues of the *Journal* for 2006—you'll receive your next one in March. And, thank you for your continued support of the efforts of the Editorial Office, the *Journal of Prosthodontics*, and the ACP.

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