

## A Growing Journal

Two years ago, I began the January–February 2006 editorial with the following words: “Stop reading for a minute. Now, close the journal, and take a very close look at the cover page. See anything different?” At that time, I was referring to our move from quarterly to bimonthly publication. I could ask the very same question this year, but I think you have probably already realized that the current change to the *Journal* is more dramatic.

Even with the additional two issues that I so proudly announced two years ago, we still find that we have more to publish than we can fit into our available page space. And so, beginning this year, we are adding two more issues to the *Journal of Prosthodontics*—you will now receive at least eight issues of the *Journal* this year.

But that change probably is not what you noticed when you first picked up this issue of the *Journal*. I am willing to bet that what caught your eye was our redesigned cover. And now that you are reading the inside of this issue, I hope you have also noticed that the internal layout has changed as well.

The *Journal* has grown in the past few years, from a quarterly journal to one that you will now receive eight times a year. We are dedicated to publishing the most up-to-date prosthodontics research, cutting-edge techniques and clinical reports, and clinically relevant research. We believe that our new look reflects our status as a premier journal in the field, but our new look also has a practical purpose. Each article will now take up slightly less space, and we are able to publish up to three additional articles in each issue. We want to reduce the time from the acceptance of a manuscript to its publication, and adding two issues a year and three additional manuscripts in each issue allows us to print approximately 40 additional manuscripts a year.

Even with these changes, we will still be experiencing a delay of about 1 year from a manuscript’s acceptance until its appearance in print. We will continue to shorten that backlog, but the process may be a slow one. However, if you do not already regularly read the *Journal* online, you may be pleased to know that articles appear online up to 6 months prior to their appearance in print. As I write this editorial in early October,

articles that will not appear in print until the January issue are already available online; and as you read this editorial, articles that will not appear in print until this July should now be available online. I know some of you are taking advantage of this service—we have received a few letters to the editor about articles that have appeared on the Online Early portion of our website, but were not yet in print when the letters about them were written!

While we had been considering many of these changes for some time, the readers’ survey we conducted last spring only reinforced our need to make them. While we did not receive as many responses to the survey as I would have liked, we were able to glean some valuable information from the responses we did receive. It was clear that many of you were concerned with the acceptance-to-publication delay. I hope you can see that we are continually working on this issue, and that we will continue to work on it until we get it fully resolved.

Another common concern from our readers was that we publish too much basic science research and not enough clinical reports and technique articles. I certainly understand that some of the scientific research we publish does not affect the day-to-day running of your practice or the treatment of your patients. However, articles of this type are the building blocks that support future, more focused, clinically relevant studies. Without the basic science manuscripts as a foundation, more clinically focused research articles would not be possible. We do keep our readers in mind, and will continue to try to strike the right balance in the types of articles we publish. We like to have a mix of basic science, clinical research, and clinical reports in each issue of the *Journal of Prosthodontics*. We hope that the mix of articles that we do publish accurately reflects the most up-to-date research and the most cutting-edge clinical procedures in the prosthodontic community. And, we hope you like our new look. Now, sit back, and continue reading what we consider to be one of the finest prosthodontic journals available.

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