

The Future of the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*

The *Journal of Dentistry for Children*, now in its 73rd volume, was first published in 1934. It was for many years the only journal devoted exclusively to the art and science of pediatric dentistry as practiced by general dentists prior to the advent of our specialty. Published under the auspices of the American Society of Dentistry for Children (ASDC), it became the must-have journal for any dentist who wanted to provide the best care possible for children. Under the editorship of George Teuscher, it filled a niche not shared by any other publication for many years. As the ASDC became part of the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD), the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* has continued to serve the needs of dentists who care for children.

In recent years, there has been much discussion about the future of the *JDC*. Could it survive? If so, in what format? Should it continue to publish high quality clinical and scientific articles, or should it become another throw-away dental magazine? After discussing this issue at length over the past year, the AAPD leadership has made what I consider to be an important and creative decision. Beginning with the first issue in 2007, the *Journal of Dentistry for Children* will become an online-only publication. All subscribers, including all members of AAPD, will be able to access the journal without cost via the World Wide Web. The AAPD Communications Department is in the process of collaborating with an online publisher who will host the journal. AAPD members will access the journal from the AAPD Web site. The *JDC* table of contents will be published in *Pediatric Dentistry*, and subscribers will be notified by blast e-mail when each issue of *JDC* becomes available online. As an editor, I envy the flexibility that online publication will afford the *JDC*, and I look forward to working with its new editor and the Communications staff in effecting a smooth transition. Watch the AAPD Web site for further details later this year.

On that note, I am pleased to announce that an open, nationwide search has brought us a new associate editor of AAPD and editor of the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*, Dr. Hannelore Loevy. Dr. Loevy earned her dental degree at the University of São Paulo, Brazil, and her MS in pedodontics and PhD in anatomy from the University of Illinois Colleges of Dentistry and Medicine, respectively. She is a diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry and has had a distinguished career in education. She is a professor of clinical pediatric dentistry at UIC. Her memberships in professional organizations and her service to the profession are impressive. Dr. Loevy has authored several texts, chapters, monographs, and a long list of scientific articles and abstracts. She has served as a reviewer for the *Journal of Dental Research*, *Journal of the American Dental Association*, and several others in addition to serving as editor of the *Journal of the History of Dentistry* from 1988-2006. I look forward to working with Dr. Loevy and the journal's fine editorial board in furthering the excellence of both AAPD journals.

I must also express my gratitude to Dr. Paul Casamasimo who, for the second time in recent years, has stepped in when needed as the interim editor of *JDC* and has done his usual fine job in keeping the journal on track. Many thanks, Paul, for your willingness to serve when needed and to serve well.



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