

Message from the Editor of the Journal of the International Academy of Periodontology

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This issue of the Journal of the International Academy of Periodontology marks the conclusion of the seventeenth year of publication of the Journal. I am pleased and honored to have served as the Editor of the Journal since 1999, when then IAP President Thomas Van Dyke conceived of expanding the IAP mission through publication and dissemination of periodontal research in an IAP journal.

Although during the first few years the Journal was faced with challenges, as all new journals are, we have developed a strong and dedicated Editorial Board and excellent reviewers with broad scientific expertise. In addition, utilizing the skills of a very experienced scientific editor, we have been able to offer assistance in editing of English grammar, vocabulary and syntax so that authors with limited abilities in English composition but papers of strong scientific merit have a venue for scientific publication. Thus the Journal of the International Academy of Periodontology helps fulfill the IAP mission of “promoting international exchange and communications between individuals of all nations...” especially for authors from developing countries.

To continue to expand the reach of IAP, the IAP Board met at the Fifteenth International Biennial Congress of IAP in Santiago, Chile in April 2015 to discuss the future of the Journal. The Board recommended that the Journal of the International Academy of Periodontology become an “on-line, open access” journal beginning in January 2016. Thus the October 2015 issue will be the last print issue of the Journal. It will be available to all without cost on the IAP website, <http://perioiap.org/journals.aspx>. The future quality of the Journal is mostly dependent on the merit of the papers submitted. I ask that the readers submit their best papers to the Journal and encourage their colleagues in the periodontal community to do the same. I look forward to continue to serve as Editor for the foreseeable future.

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