

# Message from the New Editor of the Journal of the International Academy of Periodontology – January 2018



It is with great excitement, but also trepidation, I embark on my role as Editor of the Journal of the International Academy of Periodontology. The Journal was established 19 years ago and has been under the careful stewardship of Dr Mark Patters, inaugural Editor. Mark (ably assisted by Andrea Patters, Associate Editor) has worked tirelessly to ensure the Journal presents a high-quality product of relevance to the international periodontal community. This has not been an easy task but Mark has always maintained a strong commitment to the mission of the IAP to improve knowledge and disseminate information about periodontics worldwide to those who have an interest in the prevention and treatment of diseases of the periodontium.

Now that the JIAP is well established there are new opportunities to raise its profile and role on the international stage of periodontal publications. A main priority for the JIAP for the immediate future is to try to be recognized with an impact factor. For this to occur

the JIAP needs to continue to attract and publish manuscripts of substance and significance.

Following my appointment as the second Editor of the JIAP, a new Editorial Board will be established with the aim of continuing to encourage contributions from around the world and ensuring the JIAP remains a truly international journal. The greatest truism in scientific publication is that a journal can be only as good as the material it receives. For a specialty journal such as the JIAP it is critical that we receive quality material to be considered for publication. I encourage clinicians, students, academics and researchers to give serious consideration to the JIAP as their journal of choice to publish their work.

I look forward to steering the JIAP through its next phase of growth and acknowledge the support the International Academy of Periodontology has shown in giving me this opportunity to participate in its activities. I also acknowledge the significant contributions Mark and Andrea Patters made in establishing this journal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Bartold', with a horizontal line underneath.

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