

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



This issue of the Journal of the International Academy of Periodontology marks the beginning of the twentieth year of publication. 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 subsequently 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 among individuals of all nations...” especially for authors from developing

countries. To continue to expand the reach of IAP, the IAP Board recommended that the Journal of the International Academy of Periodontology become an “on-line, open access” journal beginning in January 2016. In 2017, the Executive Director of IAP, Alpdogan Kantarci, in collaboration with our publisher, Dennis Barber, Limited, of Lowestoft, Suffolk, UK, led a major project to modernize the IAP website (<http://www.perioiap.org>). The new website now allows searching the volumes of the Journal from January 2010 to the present for specific papers by title, author, scientific keyword, date, etc., and the downloading of individual papers that meet the search criteria. The Journal is now available to all without cost on the IAP website, <http://perioiap.dessol.com/publications>.

I am proud of having been a part of the growth and development of the Journal. However, the Associate Editor and I believe it is now time to step aside so that new people with new ideas can continue to move the Journal forward. Therefore, we will retire at the end of the 2017 calendar year. I am honored that the IAP Board has voted to confer the title of Editor Emeritus on me. Although it was not an easy choice, the decision was made easier by knowing that I will leave the editorship in the hands of an extremely well-qualified new Editor, P. Mark Bartold of the University of Adelaide, Adelaide, SA, Australia. I have every confidence that Mark, an international scholar and leader in basic and clinical periodontal research, will bring a refreshed outlook to the management of the Journal of the International Academy of Periodontology. I ask that the members of the Editorial Board, reviewers, Board members and readers give Mark their unlimited support. I thank the IAP for allowing me to serve for the last 19 years.

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