

Editorial

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With the ever-increasing interest in periodontal health and implant rehabilitation of dental patients, research on the subject continues at a breathtaking pace. The current trends seem to shift toward long-term maintenance of dental implants as well as the periodontal condition. Although studies are being conducted all over the globe, it seems research in countries known as the Middle East is less visible to an international audience. There are already a handful of journals publishing articles on the subject at an international level. The idea of publishing yet another scholarly journal on periodontology and dental implants struck us in order to share information that was not visible to the world. A medium, therefore, deemed necessary to discuss research conducted in this part of the world.

Although in the *Journal of Periodontology & Implant Dentistry*—JPID, we will focus more on clinical aspects of research data and reports of interesting cases, presenting clinical features and images, which would be interesting to periodontists and general dental practitioners, the information that would be considered multidisciplinary, including those studies of implant stress/strain, which would appeal more to academic dental scientists will also get a chance to be considered for publication. The journal will, therefore, address the challenges that are faced on a daily basis in the everyday practice of periodontics and dental implants, and the more sophisticated data, collected using sophisticated equipment with elaborative study designs.

With such vision, we present the inaugural issue of JPID, and it is our hope that the forum provided will

ease communication between periodontists, general dental practitioners, and students, and encourage practitioners and scientists to collaborate and bring up-to-date relevant findings to the readership of the journal, with the final goal of presenting the best prophylactic/treatment modalities for the dental patients worldwide.

The 9th Annual Congress of Iranian Association of Periodontology on 9–11 December 2009 is going to witness the introduction of the debut issue of *Journal of Periodontology & Implant Dentistry* to the members of Iranian Association of Periodontology, who are active in research in Iranian Dental Schools and Research Centers on various aspects of periodontal diseases and dental implants.

Data from dental school clinics and private practice are being collected and analyzed by our colleagues in the form of doctoral and PhD dissertations and research grants all over the world, and we will be pleased to publish the results of these original studies, systematic reviews, case series, case reports, and commentaries in JPID. To prevent a significant delay between issues with the intended biannual publication, we follow an immediate online publication scheme, by which articles are made available online as they become ready to be published. We are looking forward to having the renowned lecturers, scientists, and practitioners' points of views and bring them in an efficient way to the readership of the journal.

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