

## Goodbye and Thank You

Dear Readers,

For more than 16 years I have been responsible for the philosophy and contents of the Journal of Adhesive Dentistry. As reported earlier, the world is changing, not only in dentistry, but also in publishing. Along with this, views are changing as well. Furthermore, print media are under ever-increasing pressure from all sides; open access journals and the Berlin Declaration on Open Access to Knowledge in the Sciences and Humanities represent just a few of the problems the publishing world is facing. Views of Publishers and Editors must not, per definition, change in the same direction. I see that the time has come to let the “Internet Kids”, or whatever you may call the coming generations of professionals, deal with the challenge of producing high quality publications in the modern world, governed by global fast communication. Andreas Lindes’ statement that “Nothing is scientifically shown or proven before it has been published in a scientific journal with a peer review system, so one can critically judge what was done, how it was done, and evaluate how solid it is” has always been my guideline and I hope it will also be so for whomever assumes this great responsibility in the future. Having personally experienced the financial pressures in education, research, publishing and product development, my “dream” for the future (with reference to Martin Luther King’s famous speech in 1963) is that the peer reviewed journals must remain the instrument to disseminate information, which is as close to the truth as scientists can get. These journals must function independently of lobbying pressure and have sufficient resources to do so. The current movement seems to be shifting the financial burden from the reader to the authors, which I do not like at all. The idea that knowledge should be accessible to all will require independent funding of peer reviewed journals by neutral organizations (eg, foundations or state institutions).

Based on these thoughts, I have decided to step down as Editor in Chief of the Journal of Adhesive Dentistry, thus making this issue the last one produced under my responsibility.

Before I say goodbye, I feel strongly obliged to thank all those who have contributed to the success of the Journal of Adhesive Dentistry. I will start with the late Michel Degrange, and will never forget when we created the idea at a European IADR meeting on a paper tablecloth in a restaurant in southern France. I must also thank all the authors who have contributed with relevant and high-quality articles. My Co-Editor Bart Van Meerbeek deserves a big thank you for having realized the vision of a high quality Journal together with the Associate Editors. Without of the support of the multiple reviewers, it would never have been possible to produce a highly esteemed journal having an impact factor and being the official publication of a professional society, the International Academy for Adhesive Dentistry (IAAD). Of course, I do not want to forget the subscribers, who have made the Journal viable due to its economic success, nor Andy Beare, who designed “Manuscript Manager”, the software used by the Journal of Adhesive Dentistry to manage the mass of manuscripts which must be processed through peer review. Finally, I want to thank the two persons within the Quintessence Publishing company who have helped me translate the commitment to high quality into reality: Kathleen Splieth, the language and manuscript editor, and Karin Wintonowycz, the responsible manager at Quintessenz Berlin.

To all these key people I offer my thanks and bid you farewell.

Sincerely yours



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