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EDITORIAL

Meet our authors and discover more

We would like to extend and deepen the communication and interaction with you as our readers, friends, and supporters. Over the last 15 years, 58 issues, with a total of 494 articles and almost 300 filler images on 7132 pages, have been published in the International Journal of Esthetic Dentistry (IJED), which before 2014 was named the European Journal of Esthetic Dentistry (EJED). We now want to take this extensive knowledge and content as a basis for further sharing, learning, and reflecting.

We are proud that the IJED is something special in the dental media landscape due to its content and style. The journal represents the connection between clinical excellence and science, and we would like to further promote the professional exchange between colleagues around the globe.

There is a gap between clinical reality and science that is at times significant and often leaves practitioners at a loss as to how to apply the information they glean from the literature in everyday practice. Can we perhaps overcome this gap and improve and intensify the connection between our readers and authors? We think this can be achieved through social media.

So, dear colleagues, let us meet and get to know and learn from one another in the virtual community. We have created an IJED Facebook Group (www.facebook.com/groups/ijedentistry/) where we can share and discuss selected content from our large pool of high-quality articles on many aspects related to esthetic dentistry.

Every other week we will post an IJED article on the group page. You can download the PDF of the article from this page for up to 7 days after it has been shared, read it through it at your leisure, and formulate your questions to the author(s) directly.

Ask your questions as an online post, and we will then make a selection from the questions received and answer and discuss

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Why a gecko's foot on the cover?

The feet of geckos are equipped with millions of nano-scopical structures, so-called spatulae, which occur on tens of thousands of thin hairs. Through their specific geometry that facilitates the formation of Van der Waals forces, the spatulae easily adhere to almost any substrate, enabling the gecko to climb walls or even walk on the ceiling. And yet, although their feet stick to everything, nothing sticks to their feet. Research has shown that the spatulae act as what can be called a self-cleaning adhesive. This gecko effect is evidence in nature that a strong adhesive does not inevitably make everything stick to itself, and has inspired the research for and development of self-cleaning adhesive materials.

them in a live interview with the author(s), all on the group page.

In recent years, one of the most frequently asked and interesting questions has been: "If you were to write this article again today, what would you change?". Now is your chance to ask our authors this question directly as well as the many other questions you may have about their articles.

The IJED Facebook Group is a private group because we believe it is important to maintain a strong connection and ongoing interaction within our IJED community.

Do not miss this chance to meet our authors and engage in discussions with them!

Search for our group on Facebook (see link above) and request to join to be part of this exclusive family. Please also feel free to invite motivated people you know who may want to join us.

We look forward to seeing and hearing from you online. And please continue to support our journal with your valued and much appreciated subscription!

Enjoy reading.

Sincerely yours

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