

Editorial

The Parameters of Pursuing Excellence

As dental professionals, we are continuously striving to achieve the highest standards of patient care. We pursue greater knowledge and skill by reading relevant literature, by attending symposia and continuing-education courses, by working and studying with other clinicians, and by keeping abreast of the latest technological breakthroughs. It is our obligation to our patients to digest and understand as much of the new information as we can; it is our privilege to be entrusted with such a responsibility.

Since its inception, *The International Journal of Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry* has been dedicated to presenting the state of the art and science in periodontal therapy and restorative treatment in a unique and meaningful format. It is our way of aiding our readers in their up-to-the-minute pursuit of excellence in dentistry.

This journal is published by Quintessence Publishing Co, Inc, a company that has been disseminating useful information to dental professionals worldwide for decades. Recently, Mr H. W. Haase, head of the International Quintessence Group, was awarded the Tomes Medal by the British Dental Association. The Medal is the Association's highest award for service to dentistry by a person who is not a dentist. In the award, Mr Haase was cited for his commitment to quality in the books and journals his company publishes, as well as for the success of the symposia he has organized, which "have raised the standards of aesthetic dentistry to a level that no one could have imagined . . ." In addition, the British Dental Association lauded Mr Haase for his work in less-developed nations, publishing books and journals to extend the highest standards of dentistry around the world. We congratulate Mr Haase for this well-deserved recognition of all that he has accomplished.

Likewise, as 1992 draws to a close, we may congratulate ourselves for another year of growth, learning, and service to our patients. At the same time, we look forward to another year of exciting developments in the field of dentistry—another year of challenging ourselves—another year of continuing our pursuit of excellence.

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