



## Improved Publication Times

We hope that you have started well into this New Year! First, let us welcome our new Associate Editor Dr Kenneth Malament to the IJP Editorial Board team—welcome Dr Malament!

As you may have seen in the last editorial of issue 6 in 2022, the IJP team has made significant efforts in the last months to improve our publication times. Authors wonder why the review process can be time consuming, as they understandably would like to have their work published as fast as possible. We certainly aim to accommodate this wish. The goal of the review process, however, is to thoroughly evaluate the scientific content of the manuscript, as well as its organization and structure. The experts on our review board are carefully selected, and the manuscripts are assigned according to the specific expertise of the reviewers. Many manuscripts go through an additional review of the methodology and statistical analyses after the selected reviewers have sent in their recommendations. Finally, when all evaluations are available, the Associate Editor team and I can make a decision.

Until recently, accepted manuscripts were added to the queue for print publication, a process that sometimes took months depending on the backlog. To reduce this waiting time, we introduced the “online ahead of print” publication mode some time ago, which helped speed up the appearance of the accepted manuscripts in PubMed/MEDLINE. While in the beginning the versions appearing online were fully laid out and the process was still time consuming, today, the manuscripts appear in the original Word format the moment they are accepted. The work is hence immediately visible to the scientific community and can be considered and cited while the final laid-out PDF version is produced. With this new fast publication process we hope to fulfill one of the most important demands of our authors, and we, the IJP team, look forward to another great scientific year with all our authors.

The impact factor is another area we are seeking improvement for—please consider citing the research published in IJP to help us increase the impact factor, another important demand of the scientific community. Thank you and have a great 2023!

On behalf of the entire Editorial Board team,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Irena Sailer'.

Irena Sailer, Editor-in-Chief



## Introducing our New Associate Editor

### **Kenneth A. Malament, DDS, MScD**

Dr Malament received his DDS from the New York University College of Dentistry and a specialty certificate and master's degree from the Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry. In Boston, Dr Malament has a full-time practice that includes a dental laboratory with Master Dental Technologists, and he also serves as a clinical professor in postgraduate prosthodontics at Tufts University. He is a past president and diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics. Other past presidencies include the American Academy of Esthetic Dentistry, Academy of Prosthodontics, Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics, Northeastern Prosthodontic Society, and American Academy of Dental Science. He has also served as the Secretary of the American College of Prosthodontists and Secretary-Treasurer of the International College of Prosthodontists and is an active member of the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics and the Academy of Osseointegration.

Dr Malament has been on the research and development teams for two different well-known ceramic products and has developed instrumentation used in clinical practice. He has been a consultant for three journals and has published in the dental literature in the areas of all-ceramic survival statistics, fixed and implant prosthodontics, risk analysis, occlusion, material science, and periodontics.

Dr Malament was awarded the Research Award from the Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics in 1977, the 2002 American College of Prosthodontists' Clinician/Researcher Award, the 2003 American College of Prosthodontists' Daniel Gordon Achievement Award, the 2006 George H. Moulton Award for Achievement from the American Academy of Fixed Prosthodontics, the 2009 American College of Prosthodontists' Distinguished Lecturer Award, the 2015 Greater New York Academy of Prosthodontics Distinguished Lecturer Award, and the 2016 American College of Prosthodontists Educator of the Year Award.