

## Editorial

For the Chinese Stomatological Association (CSA), 2017 was a year of prosperity and development, with total membership reaching about 80,000, more education programmes, especially for western China, and more international exchanges worldwide.

The past year marked the ending of the CSA's 3-year theme of "digital dentistry and maxillofacial surgery" and a new theme for the next 3 years has now begun. At the 19th annual CSA meeting in September, 2017, in Shanghai, its president Professor Guangyan Yu declared "Oral Health, Periodontal Health First" as the new theme for the 2018 to 2020 annual meetings. This was based on the wider topic of "Healthy China", focussing on "oral health".

The new theme will push more attention onto periodontal health and the public's general oral health. Periodontal health underlies oral and dental health. It is the most important factor affecting the prognosis of tooth and dentition, and is related closely to all fields of dentistry, such as orthodontics, restoration, prosthodontics and implantation. To some extent it is the key point that determines the success and maintenance of other dental treatments. Over past decades, more and more research has revealed that oral health not only relates to dental health, but also to general health, especially common chronic diseases, such as diabetes mellitus, cardiovascular disease and chronic respiratory disease.

The relationship between oral health and general health is nothing but periodontitis and systemic health. Periodontal diseases, such as chronic periodontitis, share common inflammatory risk factors with other systemic and chronic inflammatory disorders. So, the new theme of "Oral Health, Periodontal Health First"

will draw more attention from professional practitioners and the public to periodontal health to promote oral health and general health. More broadly, it is consistent with, and one of the most important parts of the "Healthy China" strategy.

The Chinese Journal of Dental Research was included in the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) in 2017. Now it can be searched in the Web of Science, which provides more information about the manuscripts. This marks great progress for the journal. We hope that in 2018 the journal will continue to blossom, with great help and support from the sponsor, co-sponsors, editorial board members, and the efforts of all colleagues.

In this issue, we invited Professor Hong-Seop Kho, from the Department of Oral Medicine and Oral Diagnosis, at the School of Dentistry and Dental Research Institute, Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea (ROK), to contribute his review entitled "Understanding of burning mouth syndrome based on psychological aspects". There are also several other original articles contributed by Professor Stephen E. Feinberg's team at the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Michigan, USA, Professor Wantao Chen's team, from the Department of Oral Radiology, Shanghai Ninth People's Hospital, Shanghai JiaoTong University School of Medicine, Shanghai, P.R. China, and others. The manuscripts cover many oral and maxillofacial fields including basic and clinical research. We hope these are interesting and helpful to you.

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