

Best Articles of *IJP* Volume 20, 2007

The annual search for the best paper published in 2007 provided the usual renewed reading pleasures and selection challenge. Numerous outstanding papers underscored the vast range of eclectic topics and international talents whose work continues to enrich this journal. Several of the outstanding papers were coauthored by experienced members of our editorial board, including Torsten Jemt, Sreenivas Koka, Terry Walton, and Nicola Zitzmann. These colleagues deserve special recognition, even though they were not eligible for the competition. Of course, such seasoned clinical scholars will quite willingly make way for the newer outstanding recruits to the published field of clinical management of patients' oral rehabilitative needs.

The clear-cut winner was Hein De Backer from Ghent, Belgium, who together with a number of his colleagues produced a small but impressive canon of work that studied long-term survival of different prosthodontic interventions. His publications in the *IJP* are a strong reminder of the importance of scrupulous documentation of clinical performance in the context of readily applied evaluative criteria. His was the rearview-mirror clinical approach to determining what is most likely to influence treatment outcomes in specific aspects of the discipline. I congratulate Dr De Backer on behalf of the *IJP*'s 20 associate editors, who undertook the difficult task of selecting the best paper of 2007.

George A. Zarb
Editor-in-Chief

Winner

Long-Term Survival of Complete Crowns, Fixed Dental Prosthesis, and Cantilever Fixed Dental Prosthesis with Posts and Cores on Root Canal-Treated Teeth, by **Hein De Backer, Georges Van Maele, Veerle Decock, Linda Van den Berghe**



Dr Hein De Backer completed his DDS and PhD studies at the University of Ghent Dental School in Belgium, where he also obtained an MScD in Periodontology, Prosthodontics, and Temporomandibular Disorders. He is a senior research fellow in the PaeCaMed Research Unit of Temporomandibular Disorders at the University of Ghent, and also maintains a private practice. His research focus is long-term outcomes of fixed prosthodontic therapy.

Honorable Mention (*in alphabetical order*)

A Rationale for Retrievability of Fixed, Implant-Supported Prosthesis: A Complication-Based Analysis, by **Mark J. Gervais, Peter R. Wilson**

Association Between the Amount of Alcohol Intake and Masseter Muscle Activity Levels Recorded During Sleep in Healthy Young Women, by **Akimitsu Hojo, Tadasu Haketa, Kazuyoshi Baba, Yoshimasa Igarashi**

The Short-Term Effect of Prosthodontic Treatment on Self-Reported Oral Health Status: The Use of a Single-Item Questionnaire, by **Mike T. John, Daniel R. Reißmann, Finbarr Allen, Reiner Biffar**

A Comparison of Composite Post Buildups and Cast Gold Post-and-Core Buildups for the Restoration of Nonvital Teeth After 5 to 10 Years, by **Ronald E. Jung, Oren Kalkstein, Irena Sailer, Malgorzata Roos, Christoph H. F. Hämmerl**

Prosthodontics and the Patient. Part 2: Need Becoming Demand, Demand Becoming Utilization, by **Birger Narby, Mats Kronström, Björn Söderfeldt, Sigvard Palmqvist**

Quality of Life Related to Oral Function in Edentulous Head and Neck Cancer Patients Posttreatment, by **Peter J. Schoen, Harry Reintsema, Jelte Bouma, Jan LN Roodenburg, Arjan Vissink, Gerry M. Raghoebar**