

## To serve you better...

Dear Readers and Authors,

Looking back at the end of its 13<sup>th</sup> year, we can proudly say that the Journal of Adhesive Dentistry is doing very well. We have moved from a situation where we did not know how to fill the next issue to the comfortable position of a manuscript flow so abundant that we can pick the best research to publish, with the help of a large editorial board and many more reviewers. We want to take this opportunity to thank them all for their very valuable – even indispensable – contribution. We are well aware that this work is an additional burden for usually very busy academicians and it is done free of charge. Thank you very much!

The downside of the Journal's success is that we actually receive more than one manuscript per workday, and the trend is increasing. Simultaneously, we must also acknowledge an unfortunate development which is not welcome at all: it is becoming increasingly difficult to find reviewers willing to review a manuscript in a reasonably short time! Therefore, we have decided to implement two changes in our editorial policy:

1. We, the editors, will act as a first filter by rejecting without review what we think has little chance to survive the review process. By doing this, we hope to substantially reduce the load on the reviewers.
2. We have set up a team of "Section Editors", who will help us to manage the review process. We hope this will decrease the time it takes a manuscript to be reviewed.

Although it is true that one should "never change a winning team", if the team starts to die from exhaustion, changes are definitely needed. Happily, we are far from collapsing under the workload; but with the planned change, we can maintain the joy of doing the job, which will ensure that the high quality envisaged from the very first day is upheld.



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