
Editorial**In Gratitude**

It is with great pride that *The International Journal of Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry* announces that Gerald M. Kramer has assumed the position of Editor Emeritus as of this fourth issue. His imagination, dedication, and foresight as a founder and coeditor have been instrumental in the positioning of this journal as the leader in the dissemination of pertinent and contemporary clinical information in the fields of periodontics, restorative dentistry, and implantology to our distinguished readership.

Dr Kramer provided the wisdom of 45 years of clinical experience in his editorials. His commitment to the pursuit of excellence in dentistry has been exemplified by his tireless efforts to encourage colleagues to be satisfied with nothing but the best in their professional careers. He has empowered others by his sound methods of teaching and has been recognized by the American Academy of Periodontology as a "Master Clinician" and as a recipient of the Gold Medal. Gerry—Mel, as you like—was Professor and Chairman of the Boston University School of Graduate Dentistry from 1967 to 1979. In that time frame, more than 250 residents received their certificates in periodontics, an overwhelming achievement. A true international legend in periodontics, his contributions and guidance to *The International Journal of Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry* as a coeditor are appreciated and invaluable.

There is every reason to believe that as Editor Emeritus his sage counsel to the Journal will continue. I look forward to continuing the unique friendship and professional relationship we have shared for the past 31 years.

Myron Nevins