



2011 starts with good news

2011 starts with some excellent news: I am proud to announce that the German Dental Implant Association (DGI, with over 7200 members), and the Spanish Society of Implantology (SEI, with over 1200 members) adopted *EJOI* as their official journal. *EJOI* is honoured that two of largest European scientific societies in the field of oral implantology have decided to have this journal as their official publication. There will be also a Spanish language edition of *EJOI* starting this year and Dr Carlos Aparicio will be the Associated Editor for the Spanish edition. The Spanish edition should enhance the penetration of *EJOI* also in Central and South America. Therefore, I warmly thank Carlos who allowed this to happen and I wish also to thank Quintessence for the support they are giving to this young but growing journal.

I wish also to announce a change among Associate Editors. We warmly thank Ronald Jung for his contributions over the first three years of *EJOI* and welcome Jerome Lindeboom, a maxillofacial surgeon from the Academic Centre for Dentistry Amsterdam (ACTA).

In this issue, it was decided to publish and comment on a letter that we received regarding the interpretation of findings from an animal study using an experimental model to evaluate the progression

of peri-implantitis at different implants by Albouy et al (2008). I believe this is an interesting example that allows us discuss the interpretation of findings from small animal studies. You will find first the letter and then our editorial comments. The authors of the original article were also invited to comment, however they kindly declined the invitation. Therefore, we take the opportunity to express our views on the interpretation of animal research when used for extrapolating information to clinical reality. In the future, we shall foster discussions on research quality, its interpretation and translation of its findings into clinical practice.

Finally, some personal news: after over 20 years spent working full-time at the University of Göteborg first and then at the University of Manchester, I decided to become a freelance researcher. This will allow me to dedicate more time to my major interests: clinical research and the dissemination of its findings. So I will have more time to devote to *EJOI* and to supervise clinical research.

Yours truly,
Marco Esposito
Editor-in-Chief