



***EJOI* impact factor and *EJOI*–DENTSPLY Friadent Scientific Awards**

I can proudly announce that the first impact factor of *EJOI* is 1.429, although the complete list of the journals with a delayed calculated impact factor is not available at the time of writing this. Our position with respect to other dental journals is number 35 of approximately 77 dental journals with an impact factor. We are just above the middle at our first appearance. Our future goals are to reach an impact factor of at least 2 and, in a subsequent stage, to enter the top 10 of dental journals with an impact factor. It may take some time but we are working hard to reach this goal and we are optimistic that we will achieve this.

For the second time, *EJOI*, in close collaboration with DENTSPLY Friadent, will sponsor two research awards: the *EJOI* and DENTSPLY Friadent Scientific Poster Award – Clinical Studies and the *EJOI* and DENTSPLY Friadent Scientific Poster Award – Basic Research. The goal is to encourage further scientific research in dental implantology. Posters have to be submitted to the 15th DENTSPLY Friadent World Symposium, which will be held in Hamburg, Germany, 15–17 March 2012. The deadline for applications is 08 January 2012. For more detailed information and an application form please visit <http://www.dentsply-friadent.com/>.

The four best posters from each category will be selected by an independent scientific committee composed of Dr Maria Gabriella Grusovin, Prof Regina Mericske-Stern, and lead by myself for oral presentations during the symposium. One winner will be selected from each category. The five selected posters from each category will be published as abstracts in *EJOI* and the winning posters as full articles.

Finally, this issue is particularly rich. We have four randomised clinical trials exploring various interesting clinical topics: flapless implant placement, short implants versus augmentation procedures, whether two implants may be sufficient to support fixed total mandibular prostheses and whether one fixating screw could be sufficient to stabilise a block of autogenous bone. Also, our next issue will be full of interesting RCTs on immediate placement of post-extractive implants and short implants as an alternative to augmentation procedures.

Enjoy your reading,
Marco Esposito
Editor-in-Chief