

A Positive Start to the Second Year

Dear Reader,

Starting a new Journal is always a risk and can often involve sleepless nights for all concerned. However, this was not the case with ORAL HEALTH & PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY. Without much solicitation for manuscripts the journal had an outstanding start with a sufficiently steady flow of papers from conception. Fortunately, the subscription uptake also mirrors this very favorable trend. I interpret this as a sign that the market needs exactly this type of Journal and that we were precisely right about the timing of the launch. My analysis is additionally supported by the fact that in its first year, as you may have noticed on the cover, ORAL HEALTH & PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY has become the official journal of 3 scientific societies: The Academy of Minimal Invasive Dentistry (ACAMID); the European Society of Preventive Dentistry (ESPD); and the World Congress of Minimally Invasive Dentistry. Thus, ORAL HEALTH & PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY has become a catalyst for further promoting the idea of prevention. The relationship was cemented at the first European Conference on Preventive & Minimally Invasive Dentistry in Copenhagen in a joint congress of the ESPD and the ACAMID on 16–17 April 2004. It seems that both societies are moving in the same direction: Healthy patients with prevention. During this conference, the ESPD GABA AWARD for the best published

article in the field of preventive dentistry in 2002–2003 was presented to the authors together with a CHF 10,000 prize. For this award an independent jury of 4 experts had scanned all the papers published in the last two years in the 5 most important journals dealing with oral health issues. They had to pick out the 10 best papers and rank them from the most important (10 points) to the least important (1 point). I am very proud to inform you that when all the calculations were complete we were in for a very pleasant surprise, namely, the winning paper was one published by this Journal:

Persson GR, Matuliené G, Ramseier CA, Persson RE, Tonetti MS, Lang NP. Influence of Interleukin-1 Gene Polymorphism on the Outcome of Supportive Periodontal Therapy Explored by a Multi-factorial Periodontal Risk Assessment Model (PRA). *Oral Health Prev Dent* 2003;1:17-27.

So, dear reader, as you can see, ORAL HEALTH & PREVENTIVE DENTISTRY is well on its way. Based on the decisions taken at our editorial board meeting during the annual conference of the IADR in Honolulu and the improvements in the Electronic Editorial Office (EEO) we are ready to serve you even more effectively in the future.



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