

Editorial

With the arrival of 2020, a new decade was ushered in. An important event for China's dental community will take place this year – the 2020 Annual World Dental Congress (WDC) of the FDI (World Dental Federation), to be held on 1 to 4 September 2020 in Shanghai, and co-hosted by the CSA (Chinese Stomatological Association). The 22nd CSA Annual Meeting will take place during the same period.

The FDI WDC is an excellent international dental congress and includes a large dental trade exhibition. It is an FDI flagship event, strengthening ties and fostering collaboration within the global oral health community. It is also one of the longest-standing international dental events, created by one of the world's oldest medical-sector organisations, and is considered a 'must attend' in the annual dental calendar.

To advance the science and practice of dentistry, the WDC delivers a cutting-edge scientific program, interactive forums covering the most relevant dentistry topics, and a dental exhibition attended by the most prominent figures in the dental industry.

The FDI WDC, held in a different country every year, offers a unique opportunity for the dental community to meet with leaders of the oral health profession from around the globe. The event has acquired a reputation as a meeting point for the exchange of ideas and the transferral of knowledge, regularly bringing together expert speakers from all over the world.

In 2020, the FDI congress in Shanghai will be attended by an expected number of about 400 renowned experts and 15,000 attendants, both local and international. The exhibition area of roughly 60,000 square metres is expected to attract more than 700 dental enterprises showing their most advanced techniques and products.

We look forward to meeting you in September 2020 in Shanghai, China!

In 2020, the Chinese Journal of Dental Research (CJDR) turns 23 years old! For more than two decades our sponsor, co-sponsor, editorial board members and colleagues have made enormous efforts to support and improve the journal.

For the first issue of this year, we are pleased to present to our readers four expert consensus articles from the Society of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, CSA. These articles report a series of consensus on digital navigation-guided technologies in the oral-maxillofacial surgery field, in which the indications, equipment requirements, surgery design, and key points of the operations are summarized. The articles focus on navigation-guided needle biopsy procedures for skull base tumours, treatment algorithms for navigation-assisted reconstruction of maxillofacial deformities, navigation-guided unilateral delayed zygomatic fracture reconstruction techniques, and navigation-guided unilateral orbital fracture and orbital floor reconstruction techniques, respectively. These articles are the result of in-depth discussion and summaries of advanced technology, frontier knowledge, and the valuable experiences of top experts from the key colleges of stomatology in China. These expert consensus will extend the professional perspective, standardize the application of operation, and provide a treatment protocol for the digital techniques. In this way, they will be very helpful to surgeons in their clinical practice in the oral-maxillofacial field.

In addition, we will continue to publish this series of expert consensus from the CSA on other topics in the dental and oral-maxillofacial fields in the following issues. We hope and trust they will be valuable to our esteemed readers and to all practitioners.

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