



EDITORIAL

50 years of clinically relevant, scientifically based publishing

2019 marks Quintessence International's 50th year and signifies a remarkable milestone in the world of clinical and academic dentistry.

The first issue of Quintessence International was published in October 1969. At the time, the journal's theme, as stated on the front cover, was to be a "Journal of Practical Dentistry." Over the years, this has evolved to our current slogan and goal, "Clinically relevant, scientifically based."

Quintessence International, since its very first issue, has aimed to support the practitioner. However, the journal's progression over time follows the development of our profession as a whole, as well as the interaction between practical dentistry, academic dentistry, and research. Dentistry is becoming more evidence-based, and the number of new technologies being developed to improve the treatment we provide is vastly increasing. Scientific breakthroughs, new methods, new treatment approaches, and the ever-interdependent association to medicine and related health issues are all reflected in the manuscripts published in Quintessence International.

Over the years, the number of manuscripts submitted to Quintessence International annually has increased significantly. In spite of this increase we try to provide a timely, unbiased review process. In 2018, we accepted for publication 8% of the submitted articles with an average review time of 3 weeks. This could not happen without the help of the hundreds of reviewers that support QI and the associate editors that lead this effort.

The first issue of QI featured a welcome letter from Dr Leland Hendershot, of the American Dental Association at that time. He wrote "I wish successes for this new publication venture and am confident that Quintessence International can be successful, for it has uniquely addressed itself to the filling of expanding void in dental journalism at the international level. There is much to be gained by the development of a truly international perspective that is held jointly by practicing dentists, dental scientist and educators, public health experts and dental industrials."

Quintessence International is indeed an interdisciplinary, global project aimed for practical dentistry. The publisher is

located in Berlin, the editors are in the USA and Europe, manuscripts are submitted from all over the world (from 54 countries in 2018!), and the reviewers represent a wide range of nations. It is amazing to see how many of the issues dentists face are common to different parts of the world, and the various suggested methodologies for solutions that can be relevant across the globe. The international dialog among dental practitioners supports our profession's growth and prosperity, and aids in closing the gaps of knowledge in clinical dentistry.

The celebration of QI's 50 years of work is a wonderful opportunity to thank all people that are involved in this operation – the publisher, the designers, the support team, the editors, the managing editor, the authors, the reviewers, and of course the readers. We will continue advancing our profession by publishing clinically relevant evidence-based articles for the next 50 years and beyond.

As part of our ongoing effort to improve the content and the appearance of Quintessence International, we have a new cover and page design from January 2019. We hope that you like it as much as we do. ■■

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