



## The First 10 Years

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The year 1995 marks the tenth anniversary of publication of the JOMI by Quintessence Publishing Co, Inc. Our loyal readers will note considerable change in the issues of Volume 10 when compared to the first issue circulated in September, 1986. While new features have been added, the number of issues has increased, and organization affiliation has occurred, the basic objectives of the journal have not been altered. As stated in the 1986 introductory editorial, "The Launching," "JOMI is eager to share basic and clinical research reports, clinical applications of research and technology, symposia and conference proceedings, quality review papers, and educational matters related to the implant field."

Just as notable developmental progress has occurred in the implant field, the JOMI has also evolved to reflect the needs of readers and their suggestions for improvement. Because of ongoing growth in manuscript volume, in 1993 an increase in the number of articles published became possible through increased frequency of publication and the inclusion of added articles per issue. Compared to an initial offering of six papers involving 70 pages in Volume 1, Number 1, Volume 10 will consist of issues containing approximately 11 to 13 articles and 125 pages published on a bimonthly schedule. The first JOMI Supplement was published in 1994, providing additional pages of information and discussion for Volume 9.

Initially without institutional or organizational affiliation, the JOMI joined ranks with the Academy of Osseointegration in 1987 with Volume 2 as the journal became the official publication of the Academy. Since that time, both entities have realized steady growth and enhanced stature. The Academy is also in its tenth year of existence in 1995, and will celebrate a decade of progress at its annual meeting in Chicago, March 2-4. In 1995, over 3,000 Academy members will receive the JOMI as a member benefit, and thus further participate in the dissemination of current information concerned with cutting-edge advancements in implant science and technology.

Increased international interest is reflected in the growing number of JOMI published articles originating from authors located outside the US and increased subscriber circulation in the international community. In 1988, foreign-language abstracts of each paper were added to enlighten non-English-speaking readers; the inclusion of key words in abstracts also began the same year. A journal section devoted to the review of published articles from other recognized periodicals appears in each issue. The quality and scope of journal content earned new recognition in 1994 when the Index Medicus added the JOMI to its reference listings.

To promote reader interest and edification, and to encourage scientific

investigation, additional features have been added to the journal and its sphere of involvement. In 1992, the Current Issues Forum was initiated to bring to readers the views of recognized authorities on current topics of interest in the implant field. In 1993, the JOMI (Quintessence Publishing Co, Inc), in partnership with the Osseointegration Foundation, began presenting an annual Research Award to a recipient whose scientific paper has been judged by the Academy of Osseointegration Research Committee to be the most outstanding in the previous volume of the JOMI. This paper is subsequently presented at the ensuing annual meeting of the Academy, at which time the winner is formally recognized for meritorious achievement. In 1995, Quintessence will produce an electronic version of the JOMI, archiving all 10 years of JOMI articles in CD-ROM form as an additional literature reference source.

The JOMI has been most fortunate to have outstanding editorial and operational support personnel since its inception. A productive blend of management and professional expertise has resulted in an internationally recognized product that has received widespread acceptance. The original editorial staff included Dr Ralph W. Phillips, Indiana University School of Dentistry, as the section editor for biomaterials/biomechanics, and Dr Anthony Melcher, University of Toronto, as the section editor for oral biology and periodontics. Because of Dr Phillips' untimely death in 1991 and Dr Melcher's retirement in 1992, these esteemed authorities have been replaced by Dr John B. Brunski, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Dr Michael G. Newman, UCLA faculty member and practicing periodontist. Along with incumbent Dr Daniel M. Laskin, section editor for oral and maxillofacial surgery, and Dr Thomas D. Taylor, newly appointed section editor for prosthodontics/restorative dentistry, they comprise the current editorial staff, which is well supported by more than 30 consultants.

The quality of any journalistic endeavor is directly related to the significance and presentation of its contents. The number and quality of manuscripts received for consideration from authors around the world have annually met or exceeded expectations, providing the substance so essential for creating a publication of worth. The selection of submitted or invited manuscripts for publication in the JOMI continues to involve a blinded peer-review process. Approved papers are prioritized to enable early publication of those deemed to potentially have the most scientific or clinical impact. Any dynamic publication must be subject to constant scrutiny and review, as is the JOMI. Just as in 1986, the pursuit of excellence continues to be the goal of the JOMI editorial and production staffs in 1995. We sincerely acknowledge and thank our growing corps of readers for their ongoing support and for whatever success has been realized in the first 10 years of operation.