

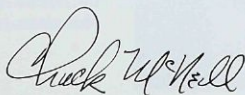
A Fond Farewell

In the last issue, I stated how excited I was to announce the change in the editorship of this great journal. Indeed, I am extremely proud of the new editor-in-chief, Dean Barry Sessle, and the four exceptional associate editors, Drs Antoon De Laat, Kenneth Hargreaves, Sandro Palla, and Christian Stohler. Barry Sessle is perhaps the most dominant pain researcher in the world. His involvement with the National Institutes of Health, the International Association for Dental Research, and other prestigious pain organizations makes him the most logical and appropriate choice for editor of the *Journal of Orofacial Pain*. Antoon De Laat will continue in his capacity as an associate editor. His understanding of trigeminal neurophysiology, the jaw, reflexes, and orofacial pain, as well as his leadership in the European Academy of Craniomandibular Disorders, will continue to serve the journal well. Kenneth Hargreaves's post-doctoral training in neurobiology, pain physiology, and pharmacology make him a valuable addition to the editorial leadership of the journal. Sandro Palla's expertise in TMD and orofacial pain, mandibular movement, and clinical prosthodontics will add much to the journal's stature. Christian Stohler brings his exceptional knowledge of muscle pain mechanisms and orofacial pain management, along with an excellent background in TMD clinical trials. Short biographies of the new editorial board appear on pages 282 and 283.

I must say, however, that as the time to step down draws near, I am also a little sad. Like Harold Perry, who told me on several occasions that he missed the close involvement with so many wonderful and gifted professionals, I will miss the close working relationship that I've shared with the staff at Quintessence Publishing Company, who have been so supportive of our journal and of me as editor. They are exceptional people, and highly trained in the publishing field. The reviewers, as I stated in the last editorial, have been the life-blood of the journal, and I will always be grateful for their unselfish help. Yet, in spite of this sense of loss, which I am only now fully experiencing, I must say that my excitement about the future of

the journal, under its new leadership, outweighs my somewhat selfish personal regret that the special association I have shared with so many great people will come to an end.

A much greater sadness was the recent loss of Gary Beeler, past president of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain. We are all still shocked by the sudden passing of a truly remarkable and treasured friend. Gary maintained a very successful dental practice in Alameda, California, providing loving care to all his patients. He held appointments at the University of California, San Francisco, in the Department of Stomatology and in the Department of Restorative Dentistry as an assistant clinical professor in the Center for TMD and Orofacial Pain. Gary was a gifted, caring, and admired educator. His forte was the development of video educational tapes, which were his love, and he created numerous teaching tapes for the programs at UCSF. Besides the important contributions he made at UCSF, Gary matriculated through and chaired many committees of the American Academy of Orofacial Pain, ascending to the office of president in 1995. His tireless efforts, his energy, and his fine organizational skills were significant to the academy. He was the president of the academy when the American Board of Orofacial Pain was inaugurated, and he was one of the first dentists to pass the board exams and earn diplomate status. We all have wonderful memories of an extremely conscientious and caring person who was always interested in helping others. Gary loved everyone, and we will not forget his enormous personal, community, and professional contributions.



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