



Out with the old and in with the new!

A new year frequently brings with it change, some welcome and some less welcome. Many of us make New Year resolutions, 70% of which are broken by the year-end. At the last meeting of the Editors-in-Chief of PERIO, we reflected very carefully on the original vision for the journal and asked searching questions of ourselves about what had worked well and what had been less successful in our first two years. We resolved to improve the format of PERIO in 2007.

You may recall our vision for this journal, expressed in the very first editorial, as being a journal for the practising specialist or generalist with a special interest in clinical periodontology. We envisaged a journal that acted as a conduit for sharing experiences, exchanging ideas, thoughts and clinical results from research or practice; a journal in which readers were not intimidated or overwhelmed by large tables of data, complex figures or bewildering statistical analyses; a journal in which research papers presented the key issues transparently and in a manner that was easy to read, without becoming too bogged down in minutia that had limited clinical application or relevance. Above all, we wished to publish research of direct impact, case reviews, literature reviews and focus articles that were heavily illustrated, informative and with a clear and important message.

One of the hallmarks of the Quintessence publishing house and something very dear to Wolfgang Haase, his father and his son Christian Haase, is the highest quality in all aspects of their business. In PERIO this means the highest quality images, text, page layout and printing. In view of this we have revised the style of the journal: we have changed the font to one that is clearer and easier on the eye; the current design is more stylised; the tables have shading to improve ease of reading; sections are distinctly bulleted and references have been numbered and removed from the text to improve the flow of narrative; all author details are listed, and each article carries a photo of the corresponding author.

We hope you agree that the new style is an improvement. Please remember, PERIO is a forum for clinicians, and we invite your contributions, whether conveying clinical experiences, novel methodologies or clinical research. We would also like to wish you a very happy and successful 2007 and hope you continue to enjoy turning the pages of PERIO and contributing to our shared vision.

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