

Renovating the *Journal of Oral Research* Editorial Board.

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As I informed you in the October's Editorial,¹ over these last two months we have been receiving applications for the *Journal of Oral Research* Editorial Board from all over the world. It is important to remember that expanding the geographic origin and research scope of the Editorial Board members is a way to improve our journal performance (quality, visibility and impact). As I said, we want diversity, because a diversified group of members make for excellent ambassadors.

Please remember that the *main tasks of the members of the Board are three. First, to advise the Editor regarding editorial process and internal policies. In the months of June and December, the Editor will send a report to all members informing on the current state of the journal and request the opinion of the Board regarding the future development that journal should take. Second, to submit at least two Editorials, and no more than three articles per year in the journal. This is an important change in our Editorial policies, specifically in the endogamy regulations of the journal. It is important to be clear, all manuscripts sent to the journal will be subject to the same peer-review process, no matter if authors belong to Editorial Board or not. Furthermore, Editorial Board member will keep having no prerogatives on the peer-review process. Third, to actively spread the qualities of the journal amongst their academic network, in order to expand our scope globally.*¹

After these two months, we have six new members of the Editorial Board: Dr. Daniel Wismeijer from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands), Dr. Matheus Pithon from Southwest Bahia State University (Brazil), Dr. Marco Hungaro from Universidade de Sao Paulo (Brazil), Dr. Alessandro Loguércio from Universidade Estadual de Ponta Grossa (Brazil), Dr. Alessandro Cavalcanti from State University of Paraiba (Brazil), and Dr. Zohaib Khurshid from King Faisal University (Saudi Arabia).

These six new members will clearly expand and improve the quality, diversity and reach of our Journal, all are productive and successful researchers in the oral and craniofacial sciences. Furthermore, over the next year we will learn about the research

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ideas that these scientists are working on and their relevance in the current research in our field .

Also, I want to express my gratitude for the participation of past members of our Editorial Board over the last years, to Dr. María Celeste Morita, Dr. Evaristo Jiménez, Dr. Sergio Kuttler, Dr. Pía López-Jornet, Dr. Ulrich Lohbauer, Dr. Patricio Smith, Dr. Víctor Arana, and Dr. Mabel Noemí Brunotto.

Finally, I want to invite all our audience to send Perspectives and Comments in order to fully comply with the aim of the *Journal of Oral Research* as a forum for oral and craniofacial sciences. Consider

the following requirements for these types of manuscripts:

Comments: Short notes including reader's opinions and comments on published papers in the Journal, books, obituaries and events of interest to the oral and craniofacial sciences. A maximum of 400 words and up to 5 current references (75% from the last five years) are permitted. A maximum of 2 authors is allowed.

Perspectives: Short essays that expose a point of view about a relevant topic in oral and craniofacial sciences. A maximum of 1,500 words and up to 10 current references (75% from the last five years) are permitted. A maximum of 2 authors is allowed.

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