

Changes to the editorial team at the Journal of Oral Research (JOR).

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This issue of the *Journal of Oral Research* (JOR) marks an important change to this publication. Dr. Ricardo Cartes-Velasquez the long time editor-in-chief has left his position, and the assistant editor has temporarily stepped into this role.

Dr. Cartes-Velasquez was editor-in-chief of JOR since its inception in 2012. Prior to this date, the Faculty of Odontology at Universidad de Concepción, publisher of JOR, had a similar publication, the Revista de la Facultad de Odontología, first published in 1992 and active until 1998, under the visionary direction of Dr. Eduardo Navarrete Troncoso. This publishing tradition was resurrected by Dr. Cartes-Velasquez; his enthusiasm for research and science dissemination was responsible for JOR's substantial growth during the last six years.

JOR underwent several changes, such as the transition from publishing in Spanish fully into English in 2015 and increases in publication frequency. An important milestone was the indexing of the journal by SCOPUS in 2016, reflecting the hard work and dedication of JOR's editorial staff and the continuing acceptance and support by the authors that chose this publication to submit their work and the wonderful reviewers that referee such work.

One characteristic I would like to highlight that makes this publication special is the lack of fees charged to authors to publish their work, despite the open-access modality offered by the journal to all its content. This feature allows researchers with limited budgets to be able to disseminate their work without an additional financial burden. Another feature is the double blind peer-review process that epitomizes fairness, allowing work to be assessed on its merits alone.

The departure of Dr. Cartes-Velasquez will no doubt be strongly felt in the day to day operations of the journal, as well as through his assertive editorials which reflected his commitment to this publication. We take this opportunity to acknowledge his contributions to the journal and wish him the utmost success in all his future endeavors.

We are currently in a transition phase, rebuilding the editorial team, which will certainly bring about a degree of change. Our goal is to carry on the legacy of JOR by continuing to publish high-quality material such as research results, opinions, and perspectives relevant to the realm of oral research worldwide.

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On that note I invite you to peruse this month's issue where we learn about the research results from a cohort study carried-out to evaluate the perceptions of a sample of Brazilian adolescents about pain and chewing impairment due to orthodontic treatment by Bretz *et al.* In another study carried out by Lozano *et al.*, much needed epidemiology data is provided, on the prevalence of oral lesions and non-communicable disease burden in two elderly Chilean populations, one of which comprises those living in long-term care facilities. There are also perspective pieces on the contribution of research to lip and cleft palate; and

on the use of Leukocyte and Platelet-Rich Fibrin in oral and maxillofacial surgery. There are also two short communications presenting research results on the prevalence of hypercementosis; and the evaluation of biomarkers in the non-surgical treatment of chronic periodontitis. Lastly I invite you to read the editorials by Alencar & Cavalcanti addressing molar incisor hypomineralization, and by Segura-Egea who reminds us that correlation does not imply causation and cautions restraint on extrapolating from preliminary research results in the field of periodontal and endodontic health.

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