

Invitation to apply for Journal of Oral Research Editorial Board.

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One of the most important part of a scientific journal is its Editorial Board. There is no universally accepted norms for the work of an Editorial Board, but typically, their members cooperate with the Editor and the rest of production team in one or more tasks of the peer-review process, editorial production, and others.

Journal of Oral Research has changed its Editorial Board, many times, and we are very grateful for the help and commitment of their current and past members. All these members have international prestigious careers in their research or practice scope, this is an essential requisite to be part of any Editorial Board. Besides, all these members advised my work as Editor in Chief of the *Journal of Oral Research* in order to improve our quality, visibility and impact. Finally, almost all these members have written Editorials for the journal. In summary, Editorial Board have supported the journal's work over these five years.

Next year, our Journal will get its first Scimago Journal Ranking (SJR) and their respective quartile, according to Scopus database. I am very optimistic in this regard, despite the fact that *Journal of Oral Research* is a very young journal from a quite small university of a small country, the articles published in the journal have attracted a fair number of cites in their first indexed year (2016). I am not saying that we will get a Q1 ranking in Scimago (Scopus), but a Q3 position is not impossible, and a Q3 is not bad for the first SJR of this small journal.

Considering the above, a question arises, the same recurring question over these five year, how to keep improving?^{1,2} As I explained in previous Editorials, the ways to improve are many, some depend exclusively on the work of the Editor in Chief and the production team, but others depend on the Editorial Board. A relevant way to improve our journal performance (quality, visibility and impact) is to expand the geographic origin and research scope of the Editorial Board members, in one word, diversity. Diversity is another relevant quality for an Editorial Board because their members are ambassadors, thus, as the more diversified the Editorial Board is, the greater its reach will be. So, the next step for the *Journal of Oral Research* will be to diversify and broaden its Editorial Board.

As I already mentioned, our Editorial Board have changed many times. The basic strategy implemented to change the members has been a private invitation to prestigious researchers in dental and other

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biomedical sciences. However, I think it is time to open wide this process. Thus, I am officially opening up the process to be part of the *Journal of Oral Research* Editorial Board. I will keep sending private invitations to some selected researchers, but any researcher may apply to be part of the Board. In order to apply, please consider the following:

Who are we looking for Editorial Board? Productive researchers in the oral and craniofacial sciences. We expect that applicants have at least 20 papers published in journals indexed in the “Dentistry” category of the Scimago over the last five years.

What is the role of the Editorial Board? 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 them on the current state of the journal and requesting the opinion

of the Board regarding the future development that the journal should undergo. Second, to submit at least two Editorials, and no more than three articles per year to 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 subjected to the same peer-review process, regardless if the authors belong to the Editorial Board. Furthermore, Editorial Board members 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.

How to apply to the Editorial Board? All interested must send their CV/resumes to journal@joralres.com by November 30, 2017. The final decision will be communicated by e-mail to all participants and the new Editorial Board will be launched in the first issue of 2018.

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