

EDITORIAL

It's time to say goodbye

Dear colleagues

I fondly remember my first meeting with Dr H. W. Haase in 2005, in a chalet in Saint Moritz. The meeting was arranged by exponents of the European Academy of Esthetic Dentistry (EAED). For some time, the launch of an official journal for the EAED was being planned. Up to this point, however, no candidate could be found to take on this task. In a lively exchange, the project was discussed. In the end, Dr Haase turned to my wife and asked, "Is it alright if your husband takes on this task?"

We arranged the first meeting in Zürich to exchange our ideas and visions. I was surprised at how many of my own ideas I was allowed to bring into this new project before the planning of the first issue. The biggest hurdle was to convince possible authors to publish their work in this new publication. In this regard, I would like to thank Dr Haase for providing me with contacts from the Quintessence network, and also for personally asking the authors for their assistance. Without this initial help, it would certainly have been much more difficult to launch the journal. Special thanks also go to the EAED for the active

support given to me in setting up an editorial board with proven experts from the various fields of dentistry.

The rest is history...

Why am I telling you all this? After 16 years, and after serious consideration, I have come to the conclusion that it is time to put the project into new hands.

In future, the editorial management of the journal will be carried out by a team of two dentists and a dental technician, assisted by the editorial board with their associate editors and all the other specialists from various dental fields.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the trust placed in me by the authors, the readers, and the publisher. The success of a journal is a team effort. I am incredibly grateful to our many readers and especially to those readers and authors who corresponded with me about their publications and the IJED in general.

I will certainly miss all these fruitful discussions, but am also sure we will stay in touch. In the end, it is a small world, and our paths will surely cross.

Enjoy reading.
Sincerely yours

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Why an Odonata's wing on the cover?

Dragonflies and damselflies are true stunt fliers and masters of aerobatics, which is also reflected in their fascinating wing morphology. Despite their soft and tender appearance, these wings are very robust and flexible. Stability is secured by a mesh of longitudinal and cross veins that are joined by resilin, a unique, rubber-like protein providing high deformability. However, if a certain angle is exceeded, the vein joints block further deformation. Researchers have transferred these biomechanics into medical applications such as joint splints, the flexibility and stability of which are helpful in case of sprains, strains, and overstretching.

