
A Big Jump with Small Consequences?

Dear Reader,

As you may have noticed, my address has changed. I was offered the position of Director of Clinical Research and Development at Ivoclar Vivadent AG in Liechtenstein. As of January 1st, I became responsible for the development of all restorative materials, adhesives, sealants, materials for preventive care, etc. for use by dentists and their teams. When I started my university career, my motivation was to do research in order to change the dental world a little bit. Looking back, I can be proud of the things I initiated and accomplished over the last 30 years. The *Journal of Adhesive Dentistry* is one of these successful projects. However, in the university world, at least in Germany, research is not the highest priority. Administration and teaching plus patient treatment were absorbing most of my time and that of my collaborators. Research was done because we love it, and we did most of it in our free time. Therefore, the offer to lead a large team of chemists and dentists doing research all day long was irresistible. With my new team, we can work on the whole chain, from the synthesis of new monomers to the development of new products – including their preclinical and clinical testing – in order to deliver the formulation or “recipe” to production. This is, of course, quite a jump

for me personally, with far-reaching consequences for my professional and private life.

Is it also a big jump for the *Journal of Adhesive Dentistry*? Not at all! I will not suddenly become Ivoclar Vivadent's mouthpiece! Research is independent from industrial companies. Its objective is to generate sound data. Thus, my new position will not interfere with my job as editor. Our philosophy is to have every manuscript peer reviewed blindly at least by two reviewers. They accept papers or reject them; I do not. This precludes any conflict of interests. Furthermore, having successfully introduced the electronic editorial office (EEO) last year, I can do my job as editor wherever I am in this world. Therefore, the routine will be done at home, which is also shown by my address in the impressum. This policy is in full agreement with the publisher, Mr. H. W. Haase, and my new bosses at Ivoclar Vivadent.

I am looking forward to continuing the spread of knowledge about adhesion through high quality research papers with the *Journal of Adhesive Dentistry*.



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