
Why is better worse?

Dear Reader,

In its first year, the *Journal of Adhesive Dentistry* struggled to obtain sufficient peer reviewed manuscripts for every issue. As Editor-in-Chief, I had to actively solicit manuscripts, and each time, I worried whether we would have 8 manuscripts ready to print. This has changed over the years. Manuscript flow became steady and increased. While in the beginning we were living “from hand to mouth”, we gradually accumulated some backlog for every issue, which slightly increased our publication time: better became a little worse. This trend has increased dramatically during the last year. We have plenty of good manuscripts which have been positively reviewed, and now we have a large store of accepted manuscripts. Great, the editorial office has done a super job! Successful, better than ever! But unfortunately, in a very special sense we are now in worse shape than ever: the estimate for our publication time has now become almost unacceptable.

But problems are there to be solved. If you are an attentive reader, you may have noticed a multitude of changes:

- We have appointed Prof. Bart van Meerbeek as editor. Congratulations!
- We have slightly changed the typeset. With this, we have increased the number of manuscripts published per issue.
- We have limited the number of pages per manuscript to 8 printed pages including figures and references. If an author feels it necessary to publish a longer article, we do not forbid him or her to do so; however he/she must cover the additional costs.

- The appearance of the cover has also been changed slightly.
- Furthermore, we have decided to add a box to the end of every article to summarize for the reader the clinical relevance of the research. By this means, we hope to explain to general practitioners how they could interpret experimental data and how it could change their clinical routines. Again, better for the reader but more work for the editors. Worse? I leave it to you readers to decide...

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Sincerely yours,



Professor Jean-François Roulet