



## The International Response

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As the world grows smaller through better and more frequently scheduled travel modalities, improved methods of communication also bring us all closer together. Language differences no longer pose insurmountable barriers and, in generations to come, should have even less influence on international communication.

In a 1987 *JOMI* editorial (Volume 2, Number 2), a special invitation was extended to all foreign authors to submit their manuscripts concerning oral and maxillofacial implants and related topics to us for consideration of publication. The response was soon forthcoming and has continued to build in succeeding months. Papers offered have covered a wide range of topics in both clinical and basic science fields. In the 1-year period from August 1987 to August 1988, 29 new foreign manuscripts were received for consideration. In the four issues of *JOMI* circulated in 1987, more than 20% of the manuscript pages published had foreign authors. Of the 28 papers published in Volume 3 (1988), 18 were written by foreign clinicians or scientists.

The number of foreign subscribers also continues to grow. At the end of July 1987, the *JOMI* subscription roster included approximately 22% foreign residents. One year later, that percentage had increased to nearly 30%.

The editorial staff of *JOMI* now has seven appointed editors and consultants representing four foreign countries. As international involvement continues to grow, additional personnel and country representation is envisioned. The journal is now printed in Japanese and circulated under the auspices of the Quintessence Publishing Co, Ltd, Tokyo. Original Japanese articles appear in separate issues added to the quarterly distribution of *JOMI*. Beginning with Volume 3, all published paper abstracts have been printed simultaneously in the French, German, and Spanish languages.

Elsewhere in this second issue of Volume 4, there appears a collection of papers from a June 1988 internal symposium of the Tübingen Special Collaborative Implantology Program, Tübingen University, West Germany. Through the collaborative efforts of Prof Dr Willi Schulte, director of the Tübingen Program, and his colleagues, *JOMI* is pleased to publish these pertinent articles concerned with ongoing investigational works. Proceedings from other such worthwhile national and international conferences and congresses will be included in future *JOMI* pages.

When our involvement challenge to the worldwide oral and maxillofacial implant community went out in 1987, a statement of journal intent to become truly international in scope was included. The goal has not changed and through the

quality contributions of clinicians, researchers, and educators all over the world, the increasing success of *JOMI* has been enhanced. To our growing circle of international friends and professional colleagues, we say a heartfelt "thank you." Your response to date has been most gratifying.

