

## Message From the Publisher

With this issue of *The International Journal of Prosthodontics*, we introduce a new IJP Editorial Board. To Dr Jack Preston, who has ably led this journal as Editor-in-Chief since its inception, and to the five Section Editors—Drs Stephen Bergen, Charles Goodacre, Howard Landesman, Jack Nicholls, and Ned Van Roekel—who have worked with him all these years, we owe a debt of gratitude for their dedication to making the IJP the standard of excellence in prosthodontic journals. The fine work of the IJP Reviewers is also gratefully acknowledged. We wish them all well in their future endeavors.

Dr Gunnar E. Carlsson takes over as Editor-in-Chief in this, the IJP's tenth year of publication, and under his leadership we expect this journal to become the most influential one in the discipline of Prosthodontics. Dr Carlsson is arguably one of the major figures of contemporary international prosthodontic history. He has been a leader in the twin scholarships of education and research for more than three decades, and prior to this undertaking edited the *Acta Odontologica Scandinavica* starting in 1992. An additional impressive feature of Dr Carlsson is his "charisma of competence" combined with his commitment to a dental politic of humanism and egalitarian ethic. It has often been said of dental academics that if an individual has greatness in him/her, it comes to light not in one flamboyant hour, or paper, or editorial, but in the ledger of his/her life's daily commitment to scholarly pursuits. Dr Carlsson's ledger of work has been long and honorable, and its bottom line not yet written. Quintessence is confident that with this latest editorial responsibility, Dr Carlsson will prolong and enlarge his ledger and enrich our readers' prosthodontic knowledge.



Dr Gunnar E. Carlsson  
new Editor-in-Chief of the IJP

Gunnar Carlsson was born in Umeå in Northern Sweden. His early academic studies there, combined with his involvement in several outdoor sports and the camaraderie of long Nordic nights, helped nurture his warm, relaxed and informal style. He took his dental training in Stockholm, qualifying as a dentist in 1954. In 1967 he completed his doctoral studies in Umeå, and in 1969 was appointed Professor and Head of Stomatognathic Physiology at Göteborg University. He moved to the Chair of Prosthodontics at the same university in 1987, where he also served as Dean for two terms. His scientific output has been prodigious—over 250 papers in occlusion, temporomandibular dis-

orders, and prosthodontics. He has supervised 24 doctoral theses and served on editorial boards of several journals. He has coauthored and edited four major textbooks: *Temporomandibular Joint and Masticatory Muscle Disorders* with Drs Zarb, Sessle, and Mohl (Munksgaard, 1994), *Prosthodontic Management of Edentulous Patients* with Drs Zarb and Bolender (Mosby, 1997), *Prosthodontics—Principles and Management Strategies* with Drs Öwall and Käyser (Mosby-Wolfe, 1996), and *A Textbook of Occlusion* with Drs Mohl, Zarb, and Rugh (Quintessence, 1988). He has received numerous national and international awards and presented more than 100 postgraduate continuing courses around the world.

Dr Carlsson has an infectious love and zest for work. Above all, he has the ability to argue soberly and sensibly, to reconcile scientific evidence with common sense, to marry intellectual honesty with clinical prudence. The Quintessence family of journals is proud to welcome Gunnar E. Carlsson as the new Editor-in-Chief of *The International Journal of Prosthodontics* and wishes him and the international prosthodontic community even more accomplishment and success.

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