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The Power of Synergy

Dr Oscar Gonzalez-Martin *(left)* and Dr Gustavo Avila-Ortiz *(right)* are the new Editors-in-Chief of *The International Journal of Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry!*

It was 15 years ago, at the 9th International Symposium on Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry (ISPRD) in Boston. We met for the first time in that extraordinary symposium when we were international residents attending our respective advanced postgraduate education programs in the USA. As it often happens with some great stories, we did not realize it in the moment, but that was the beginning of a special personal and professional relationship. From that initial contact in 2007, we became friends and long-distance collaborators. Now, after several years, we work side-by-side in Madrid, Spain. An essential principle that has guided our development over the years in dentistry, including patient care, research, and educational activities, has been the search of excellence through teamwork. The ethos of this philosophy is well captured in the African proverb "If you want to go quickly, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

It is in that spirit of synergy that we have enthusiastically assumed the position of Editors-in-Chief for *The International Journal of Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry* (IJPRD).

We would like to express our gratitude to Quintessence Publishing for giving us this opportunity and for trusting us with the responsibility of stewarding this prestigious journal. We would also like to recognize the leadership, dedication, and contributions over the past 42 years of the previous editors, Drs Myron and Marc Nevins, whose legacy provides a strong and solid foundation for the continued growth of the journal.

Both IJPRD and ISPRD have traditionally been a platform for the global dental community to share discoveries and divulge knowledge, with a strong emphasis on clinical translation. Our vision for the journal is to continue to serve as a vehicle that furthers the profession, with the objective of elevating the level of patient care. Our strategic plan involves expanding the journal's reach, increasing its visibility, and raising its reputation by giving priority to topics and quality contributions that advance the art and science of interdisciplinary dentistry.

We firmly believe that this approach is aligned with current trends of the profession that reflect the power of synergy between health care providers—including generalists and specialists—from different biomedical disciplines, not only those from within dentistry. In congruence with the famous words of Roman classic author Aulus Gellius, "truth is the daughter of time," it seems that the visionaries who planted the seeds of interdisciplinary dentistry back in the 1970s and 1980s have been proven right on how the profession would evolve: That is, through a pathway of interprofessional collaboration and the blending high-level clinical evidence, technologic progress, and scientific innovation, always done with the best interest of our patients at the forefront of the decision-making process.

We are living exciting times in dentistry, and we look forward to witnessing an even brighter future.

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