



Happy 5th Birthday, *JOMI*

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At midyear in 1985, arrangements were completed to begin the publication of a new international Quintessence journal concerned with oral and maxillofacial implants. The first issue appeared early in 1986 and with the recent publication of Volume 6, Number 1, *The International Journal of Oral & Maxillofacial Implants* became 5 years old. On this occasion, it seems appropriate to bring our readers up-to-date on what has transpired in the interim and what the future may bring to *JOMI*.

The acceptance of any periodical can be judged on the number of its subscribers, and *JOMI* has enjoyed a steady increase in this regard. During the past year, the international subscriber volume has more than doubled. However, the majority of subscribers are currently located in the US.

In addition to a steady increase in the number of subscribers, the journal continues to grow in size. The recently completed Volume 5 contained 422 pages, up from 360 in 1989 and 302 in 1988. Submitted manuscript volume has also grown steadily and the competition for publication has become keener. However, paper processing continues at a relatively brisk pace and the publication of approved manuscripts remains current because of increasing page numbers per issue.

A well-qualified and dedicated group of editors and consultants has responsibly contributed to the administrative and editorial decision-making processes. The editorial staff has been enlarged since *JOMI* was started, with the addition of a literature review editor and statistician consultant. Now serving in a referee capacity are 26 consultants with expertise representing a wide variety of fields related to oral and maxillofacial implants. Periodically, consultants are rotated on the editorial staff to maintain expertise and accommodate advances in the field.

The primary objective of *JOMI* continues to be the dissemination of current information related to the management of patients utilizing implant modalities and to report the results of basic and clinical research by investigators whose studies embrace the implant concept. In addition, the publication of symposia and conference proceedings, quality review papers, and educational matters related to the implant field has become policy for the editorial staff.

The scope and circulation of *JOMI* have encouraged the Academy of Osseointegration to adopt the journal as its official publication. All dues-paying members of the Academy receive a subscription to *JOMI* as a benefit of their membership. Now numbering approximately 1,500 members, the Academy is a

rapidly growing international interdisciplinary organization concerned with improving the quality of patient care, education, and research in the implant field. A close working relationship with this organization has enhanced the journal's exposure and development.

What projected changes are in the *JOMI* future? Certainly, the pursuit of publication excellence will continue to be our goal. There can be no compromise in seeking quality manuscripts that bring the most current and honest basic/clinical science to our readers. As the competition for papers increases with the publication of new journals, this task becomes more difficult. However, the *JOMI* editorial staff remains committed to providing an attractive, informative, and current literature resource for the professional community.

For the present, the journal will remain a quarterly publication. However, the publisher has planned for an increased number of pages per issue, which will facilitate the inclusion of more articles. The percentage of illustrations in high-quality color will continue as in the past.

Because of the increased interest in *JOMI* abroad, the publisher has confirmed a commitment to circulate a German translation of the journal. While the date to start the German version has not been confirmed, publication could begin as early as 1992.

For those contemplating forwarding manuscripts for publication in the future, please note the change in address (which can be found on the Notice to Contributors page). As we reflect on this 5th anniversary of *JOMI*, the publisher and entire editorial staff would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank all contributors, authors, advertisers, and subscribers for their past support. We pledge our best efforts to continue the publication of a quality periodical devoted to the exciting field of oral and maxillofacial implants.