



Dr Harry Denissen †

## What you write will still be there

Before we print articles, the final pdf files are sent out to authors for a final check. So I did with the article by Dr Harry Denissen, “Photometric assessment of tooth color using commonly available software,” that you will find in this issue.

The e-mail address was no longer valid, and so I called the phone number indicated in the automatic reply. It was a very strange feeling when I was told that Dr Harry Denissen had passed away on November 10, 2009.

After being in contact with the co-author, Dr Alma Dozic, and Dr Denissen’s widow, we decided to publish this article because its information is worth sharing.

Our thoughts are with the family, friends, and all who crossed Harry’s path during his professional career.

Let me share some information about our colleague with you:

Harry Denissen studied dentistry at the University of Utrecht. In 1968 he

obtained his DDS degree. From 1968 to 1970 he worked as a dental surgeon in a private practice in Zimbabwe. After his return in 1970 he started a private practice in Amsterdam. In 1979 he obtained his PhD at the Free University of Amsterdam with his thesis “Dental root implants of apatite ceramics.” He is the author of two books: *Hydroxylapatite Implants* (1985) and *Atlas of Porcelain Restorations* (1990). He also worked at the University of Nijmegen (1990) and, until his death in 2009, at the Academic Centre for Dentistry Amsterdam. Some of his favorite research topics included CAD/CAM materials – the predictability of the procedure – and the development of layered ceramic materials to improve esthetic success for patients in clinical dentistry with less effort.

Sincerely,  
*Alessandro Devigus*