

Farewell and Welcome

In the course of progress and maturation, changes are expected and such alterations may bring pleasure or sadness. The IJP is made possible through the efforts of many people and, for the most part, changes of personnel are transparent to the reader. We change our reviewers as circumstances mandate. These knowledgeable people add credibility to the articles that appear in the Journal, as they review and dissect each offering. They are only phantoms to the authors whose work they evaluate, and that is the way the blind review process must be. When reviewer changes are made, the only way this is known is for an astute reader to notice a change in the masthead listing.

An exception to this general policy of quietly making such changes is in order now. It is with both sadness and pleasure that we note two departures and two additions to our staff.

When the Journal was first formed we were fortunate to procure the services of a unique individual who had made a study of the art of abstracting and had devised a format for this process. Dr Stephen Wagner was a part of the founding group and has overseen the gathering and writing of abstracts from other publications and for book reviews. He enlisted the help of many talented people, whose names you have read with the abstracts cited. In addition to being a fine prosthodontist, Steve has always loved natural history and he has often amazed me with the reservoir of information he has on the subject. He pursued various aspects of this science, working with universities and museums, primarily as a hobby, but always with an intense love and dedication. After much consideration of the factors involved, he has decided to make a major career change and is leaving the active practice of prosthodontics.

Among other projects, Steve has put his cerebral and manual skills to work making minutely accurate models, first of a dinosaur skeleton, and then of a horse. In collaboration with other professionals these have been developed as kit projects that are presented with accurate textual information. He is also working on 1/2-scale models showing the evolution of hominids—prehistoric man, great apes, and modern man. The precision of his crafting has been acknowledged by experts. We can

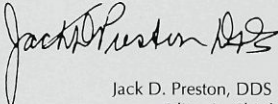
only wish for Steve that he derives from his new venture the rewards that his many talents merit. We appreciated his past contributions and take this opportunity to publicly thank him for his assistance and participation.

We are very fortunate that the duties of Abstract and Book Review Editor will be assumed by Dr Gary Goldstein. Gary's biography and photograph are presented elsewhere in this issue. We welcome him to the editorial staff and look forward to working with him and publishing his contributions and those of his co-workers.

Several years ago, Dr W. Patrick Naylor wrote and suggested that there needed to be a way to present new products non-commercially and to comment on materials for prosthodontics. He volunteered to initiate the column "Prosthodontic Items of Interest." Pat has regularly contributed to this column in spite of an overseas tour of duty and a very busy life. His interviews and reports have elicited some lively correspondence and have been an attractive addition to the Journal. Pat now finds it necessary to withdraw from this position, as other aspects of his life erode the time available for the effort. He has already published one book and is writing another. I know that Dr Naylor's excellent training and acute intellect will be manifest in many ways in our specialty, and I look forward to his future contributions. The IJP is grateful for his having initiated the feature and is pleased that the effort will continue under new leadership.

Dr Steven Duke has agreed to assume the responsibility for the "Prosthodontic Items of Interest" columns, and his writings will appear in future issues. Dr Duke's photograph and bibliography are also found elsewhere in this issue.

To Dr Wagner and Dr Naylor, again, our very best wishes and gratitude. To Dr Goldstein and Dr Duke, we welcome you to the editorial family and are proud to present you to our readers.



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