

## After the first year

Dear Readers and Authors,

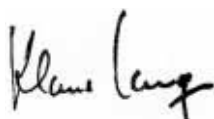
**Oral Health & Preventive Dentistry**, the multidisciplinary forum for oral health sciences and clinical practice, can celebrate its first anniversary on the basis of an overwhelmingly active past year. Given that this is a new journal the editors have received magnificent support from authors, with a substantial number of manuscripts submitted for publication. This has confirmed that our assumption was right: there is a serious need for a journal conveying scientific progress to clinicians, general practitioners, teachers, researchers and public health administrators in the field of oral health and prevention of caries, periodontal diseases, oral mucosal diseases and dental trauma. An important topic for the journal is also the association between oral and general health. The journal's focus on a comprehensive preventive view of oral health and disease has thus been successful.

The editors would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contributed to this success. We will continue along the lines already established, and would like to invite authors to carry on submitting clinical and basic science research manuscripts – including original research reports and reviews within the scope of the journal as mentioned above. Based on our new technology everything can be managed via the Internet, including the submission and subsequent processing of manuscripts. This method results in a very short time frame for publication – where rapid publication is one of the most important key issues for authors.

The editors are both grateful and pleased that **Oral Health & Preventive Dentistry** has proved to be so attractive. We wish all our readers and authors a prosperous 2004 in the second year of the journal.



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