

New Beginnings

Some events in life represent an end and a beginning simultaneously. Few are as paradigmatic and recurrent as the start of a new year. It is around this time that many of us reflect on past achievements, disappointments, failures, and successes as we look into the future with hope and the determination to improve. Back in January of 2023, when we assumed the position of Editors-in-Chief of *The International Journal of Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry*, a new and exciting journey began for us.

Over the past 12 months, we have gone through an intense process of learning and analysis in conjunction with our editorial staff to devise and systematically execute a plan with the goal of taking the journal to an even higher level of prominence within the international dental community. The guidelines for authors have been carefully revised and updated (available on the IJPRD site) in adherence to the recommendations of the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors regarding the preparation of manuscripts and authorship (<http://www.icmje.org/recommendations>). We have also made a major effort to substantially accelerate the editorial process from the moment a new submission is made until an accepted article is published, with the objective of giving rapid visibility to the intellectual and scientific work of the authors and making their publication citable within a short period of time. It is also with great pride and enthusiasm that we present, in this first issue of 2024, a new format and style that symbolizes a new era

for the journal. We hope that this fresh new look is not only visually attractive but also inspiring for readers and authors.

The International Journal of Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry has a long tradition, spanning more than four decades, of serving as a valuable resource for the clinical community. While the journal has a consolidated identity and well-defined core values, we are committed to strengthening its reputation and expanding its reach. Beyond the classic original research articles, technical descriptions, and narrative reviews, it is our intent to broaden the scope and impact of the journal by selectively including other article types. In addition to systematic reviews, we will also begin offering expert opinion papers, where science, experience, and art intersect, and papers focused on the prevention and management of complications, particularly in demanding cases, which is an area of increasing interest for the practicing clinician.

We are also thrilled to inform you that we have been active in the organization of the 15th International Symposium on Periodontics & Restorative Dentistry, which will be held, as it has been the tradition since 1983, in Boston (USA) from June 12 to 15, 2025. We look forward to welcoming you all to this top educational event that will congregate a renowned panel of global experts, who will share their knowledge and vision regarding the past, present, and future of interdisciplinary dentistry.

Happy New Year and happy new IJPRD!

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