



Anniversary One!

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With this issue of the *Journal*, one year of publication is completed. Devoted to the dissemination of information related to the broad field of oral and maxillofacial implants, quarterly offerings have included review articles, reports of clinical technique, laboratory and clinical research, diagnostic analyses, and case reports. The variety of manuscripts published generally reflects the stated objectives of the editorial staff. However, we have concerns which may or may not be characteristic of new publications.

The *Journal* is intended to be international in scope. To date, there has been a paucity of manuscripts submitted for consideration by foreign authors. While being aware of the problems associated with preparation and translation costs, the editors would nevertheless encourage non-English speaking or writing authors to submit their works for review and evaluation. Let us work with you in bridging the communication gap which might otherwise prevent your important contributions to the international implant literature.

Our readers are again reminded that we have a standing call for papers related to *all* concepts, techniques, procedures, materials, and patient situations for which implants may be directly or indirectly involved. On occasion, we have been challenged with operating from a position of bias in the material presented. It is not possible to publish that which is not submitted for consideration. During the two years in which the *Journal* has been in existence, a significant majority of articles received for publication pertain to the osseointegration concept which appeared on the North American scene in 1982. *Journal* critics, who for the most part advocate other implant schemata, have repeatedly been encouraged to submit manuscripts which are concerned with implant systems of whatever type. Very few have been forthcoming.

Reports of studies based upon laboratory and/or clinical experimentation, new biomechanical hypotheses, clinical complications, or new applications of existing designs are all representative topics worthy of publication consideration. Like any other professional population, the *JOMI* editorial staff contains individuals who are not only well versed in their particular fields, but also have been involved with one or more of the various implant systems currently available in the field. However, they are also ethically committed to science and are able to review and critique manuscripts for their scientific and professional, not commercial, merit. In this very competitive field, intellectual honesty must prevail.

The *journal* publisher and editorial staff have been encouraged by the growing number of subscribers now reading *JOMI*. This response confirms our observation

that there was and continues to be demand for an international scientific publication devoted to the implant discipline. There is always room for improvement and we welcome your constructive suggestions for additions, deletions, and change. Tell us how we can better provide an interesting periodical devoted to the circulation of new and enlightening information concerned with the growing, exciting world of oral and maxillofacial implants!