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EJED now in Four Languages

With the *European Journal of Esthetic Dentistry* entering its fourth season of publication. We are proud to announce that the journal will now be published, besides English, German and Spanish, also in French. Dr Jean-Christophe Paris will be responsible for this new issue and we welcome him on board.

This extension is due to the increasing popularity and need for such a publication that focuses on clinical excellence, but also supports young talents and research in the field of esthetic dentistry worldwide.

MEDLINE is the largest component of PubMed (<http://pubmed.gov>), the freely accessible online database of biomedical journal citations and abstracts created by the United States National Library of Medicine (NLM). Approximately 5200 journals published in the United States, and more than 80 other countries have been selected and are currently indexed for MEDLINE.

The database extends back to 1966 and is updated weekly. Most of the journals covered are American publications, but European, Asian and a small number of Australian journals are also included.

I recently sent a request to the National Library of Medicine, asking to include the *European Journal of Esthetic Dentistry* in the Medline index. Unfortunately the result was negative.

The committee meets three times a year and evaluates 150 journals on each occasion. I received a brief summary, where you can see how the decision process works (Fig 1).

The following are some critical points the committee is considering when evaluating a journal to be included in the index. (Extracts from <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/jsel.html>).

Scope and coverage.

- The committee's advice is sought not only on the quality of the content, but also on the contribution it makes to the coverage of the subjects in question. Generally, such journals will not be indexed if their biomedical content is already adequately covered.
- Quality of content. Scientific merit of a journal's content is the primary consideration in selecting journals for indexing.



Literature Selection Technical Review Committee
— Journal Review Summary —

Title: European Journal of Esthetic Dentistry

Scope: ___ Core biomedical subjects Related to biomedicine ___ More appropriate in another database

Coverage: ___ Predominantly U.S. International ___ Regional ___ Local

Statement of Ethical Issues/Policies: ___ Conflict of Interest ___ Human/Animal Rights ___ Informed Consent

1. Quality	Poor	Fair	Moderate	Good	Excellent	Outstanding	N/A
Scientific Merit (validity, currency of information & references, originality, contribution to field)							
Review Articles							
Clinical Research				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Basic Research							
Other (Case Reports, Editorials, etc.)				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Authors/Institutions					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Editorial Work (credibility of contents)							
Editorial Board Quality				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Editorial Independence				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Production Quality (layout, printing, readability, graphics, binding, number and location of advertisements)							
Production Quality				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Overall Quality	0	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

2. Importance	None	Little	Moderate	High	Very High	Essential	N/A
Researchers			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Clinicians in the Field				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Clinicians not in the Field			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Educators				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Administrators		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Allied Health Professionals		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Students				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
Policy Makers		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					
Significant perspectives on local conditions or indigenous diseases							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Overall Importance	0	1	2	3	4	5	N/A

3. Other Factors

Evidence of external peer review (in issues ___ in later ___) ___ Significant new techniques

Critically synthesizes and organizes knowledge in this field ___ Emerging field

Comments: This journal reads like a "how-to" manual for cosmetic dentistry. There is limited original research reported in the issues examined.

Lowest 0 1 **2.5** 3 4 5 Highest

OVERALL RATING

Fig 1

The validity, importance, originality, and contribution to the coverage of the field of the overall contents of each title are the key factors considered in recommending a title for indexing, whatever the intended purpose and audience.

- Quality of editorial work. The journal should demonstrate features that contribute to the objectivity, credibility, and quality of its contents. These features may include: information about the methods of selecting articles, especially on the explicit process of external peer review; statements indicating adherence to ethical guidelines; evidence that authors have disclosed financial

conflicts of interest; timely correction of errata; explicit responsible retractions as appropriate; and opportunity for comments and dissenting opinion. Neither the advertising content nor the commercial sponsorship should raise questions about the objectivity of the published material. Sponsorship by national or international professional societies may be considered.

- Production quality. Quality of the layout, printing, graphics, and illustrations are all considered in assessing a journal. Though not a requirement for selection, journals of archival importance should be printed on acid-free paper. For detailed information concerning the use of acid-free paper please refer to the acid-free paper for biomedical literature fact sheet.
- Audience. MEDLINE is intended primarily for those in the health professions: researchers, practitioners, educators, administrators, and students. The phrase health professionals includes physicians, nurses, dentists, veterinarians, and the many types of allied health professionals in the research and health care delivery systems.

The very low score the *European Journal of Esthetic Dentistry* received, especially for its layout, was more than a surprise and needs no additional comment and we have asked the committee to revise their evaluation.

Included in this issue are images from 'The Kilchberger Schwingfest'. This is a traditional Swiss wrestling event, which takes place every 6 years. We hope you enjoy the images printed in this issue.