



THANK YOU, FRANÇOIS!

Dear Readers,

In the previous issue – Vol 17(2), 2015 – you read in his final Editorial ‘Goodbye and Thank You’ that Prof. Jean-François Roulet stepped down as Editor-in-Chief of our journal, the Journal of Adhesive Dentistry (JAD).

François led the journal for more than 16 years! The first JAD issue appeared in 1999 (Vol 1(1), 1999), when François and the late Prof. Michel Degrange founded the new peer-reviewed journal that would be dedicated exclusively to the topic of adhesion. As stated in the opening editorial, entitled “Exclusively Adhesion” (J Adhes Dent 1999;1(1):3), with the Journal of Adhesive Dentistry both editors-in-chief ambitiously aimed to “bridge the traditional dental specialities by giving all dental scientists and clinicians a platform for publication and discussion of subjects related to a central issue of dentistry: adhesion”. At that time, having myself already been active for more than 10 years in research on dental adhesive technology, our research group and I were immediately very enthusiastic about the new journal and eagerly grabbed the chance to write the first paper printed in the brand-new journal (Van Meerbeek et al, 1999;1(1):7-23).

The practice of dentistry today is unthinkable without adhesive technology. François, being a world authority in the broad field of Operative Dentistry, has always strongly advocated adhesive dentistry. Many of you probably remember the yellow Quintessence textbooks François edited: “Adhesion. The Silent Revolution in Dentistry” (Roulet J-F. and Degrange M, Quintessence Publishing Co, 2000) and “Adhesive Technology for Restorative Dentistry” (Roulet J-F. and Vanherle G, Quintessence Publishing Co, 2005). Having served the JAD as Editor-in-Chief since 1999, François handled more than 2500 manuscripts with the support of the editorial team; the manuscript number 2532 was assigned to the JAD manuscript most recently submitted on the day of writing this editorial. François has also been the initiator and driving force behind the International Academy of Adhesive Dentistry

(IAAD) that was founded on June 14, 2014 in Philadelphia, PA, USA.

For all his immeasurable contributions to adhesive dentistry and in particular for the tremendous work Professor Jean-François Roulet did for the Journal of Adhesive Dentistry, we need to sincerely and profusely thank François. In name of the whole editorial team and all JAD readers, we wish François all the best and hope that he can enjoy similar success in the future.

And now, how does the journal proceed?

I am very pleased to announce that Professor Roland Frankenberger from the University of Marburg in Germany, who is also the Editor of the German ‘Die Quintessenz’, has agreed to succeed François as new Editor-in-Chief to manage the review process of JAD together with me.

As Professor Frankenberger has served JAD up to now as an Associate Editor, the current team of Associate Editors – Professor Lorenzo Breschi (University of Bologna, Italy), Professor Multu Özcan (University of Zurich, Switzerland) and Professor Jorge Perdigão (University of Minnesota, USA) – is happy to welcome Professor Jungi Tagami (Tokyo Medical and Dental University in Japan) as a new Associate Editor.

Together, we hope to continue the success of JAD as a renowned international peer-reviewed journal focussing on adhesive dentistry and to maintain the status François has brought the journal.

Hoping to meet many of you at the coming IAAD meeting in Orlando, USA (September 11-12, 2015), I remain

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Bart Van Meerbeek'.

Bart Van Meerbeek
Editor-in-Chief of JAD