



Goodbye....

Dear Colleagues,

It was in 2000, the first conference of ESOLA (as it was called then) was being planned, when we realized that there was no scientific journal dealing with laser dentistry on the market. So, where should all the interesting articles we expected for the conference be published?

It was only one short step to decide to create the *Journal of Oral Laser Applications*. Quintessence was the first and best address to be asked to function as publisher for the new periodical. We knew it was risky, as the laser-user community is even today rather small, and great economic success was more than unlikely. Nevertheless, Quintessence accepted the challenge and together we started the project of "our Journal".

It was a long way from the idea to the first printed issue in summer 2001. Many well-known, internationally respected colleagues offered a manuscript for this first issue, helping to bring our vision to life. We wanted no less than a wide platform for universities, practitioners and students, open for the exchange of experiences made in this innovative field of dentistry.

Meanwhile, we are in the 7th year of publishing this Journal, and it is still the only international, English-language scientific journal in the field of laser dentistry.

Looking back over the years, I feel that I have watched "my baby" grow; I think what we now present as JOLA makes worthwhile all the effort I personally and all the other editors put into it.

We have a high-level scientific journal which promotes the spread of the latest findings in laser dentistry all over the world. The authors' community is recruited from all five continents, thus reflecting trends and scientific focuses throughout the world.

I have, due to personal reasons, decided to resign from the position as Managing Editor of JOLA. I do not want to leave without thanking so many people for their dedicated work on the *Journal of Oral Laser Applications*. I do not only mean the editors in chief – Prof. Moritz and Prof. Powell and my co-managing editors over those years – Dr. Jakolitsch, Dr. Kluger, Dr. Wittschier, but also the people working quietly and conscientiously in the background, doing the editorial work at the publishers. They have helped get the Journal published in time all these years!

Of course, I also want to thank all our submitters, without whom the Journal would never have been a success.

With our new online submission system it will be easier for all of you, my dear colleagues, to submit your recent research findings to JOLA. I hope

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will remain your favorite address when considering your work for publication.

Thank you all for the time I was privileged to work for this interesting, future-oriented journal – JOLA.

Goodbye

Yours

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