

Editorial: A Journal with a Vision into the Evolution of the Dental Profession

Dear colleagues,

I would like to greet you all as the incoming Editor-in-Chief of the European Journal of Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry (EJPRD) which has a history of over 60 years. Back in 1965, the journal was initially named 'Journal (Anglo-Continental Dental Society)' which was published semi-annually by the same society. In 1984, A.E. Morgan Publications started publishing the journal as 'Restorative Dentistry' associated with the British Society for Restorative Dentistry (inaugurated 1968). In 1992, the journal was renamed as "European Journal of Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry" and became a new peer-reviewed medical journal under the leadership of the founding Editor-in-Chief, Prof. Paul S. Wright, published by Mosby-Year Book Europe Ltd., which was already then abstracted and indexed in MEDLINE/Pubmed. In 2012, and until now, the publisher became Stephen Hancocks Ltd. in association with Dennis Barber Ltd. Later in 2021, Editor-in chief, Prof. Will Palin, who served between 2015-2024, together with the publisher Dennis Barber Ltd., took the journal online and also helped the journal gain an impact factor.

The title chosen indicated a wish to cover the whole range of Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry, and the inclusion of the word "European" was a definite policy decision. The adoption of the Journal by the European Prosthodontic Association along with the British Society of Prosthodontics was always the aim and this was subsequently achieved. Since its establishment, the board of EJPRD had always had a vision of contributing to the evolution of the dental profession with an emphasis on these disciplines. Indeed, during the last decades, advances in the fields of biology, biomaterials, biomedical engineering and technologies has had a huge impact on patient care in almost all disciplines of clinical dentistry. Particularly, innovations in biomaterials, including restorative or reconstruction materials, implementation of adhesive promoters, oral implants and regenerative materials along with the developments in digital technologies, has changed the conventional aspect of prosthodontics and narrowed the interface between clinical disciplines and especially between Prosthodontics and Restorative Dentistry.

Considering the current dental needs of society globally, which are multi-factorial, a clear distinction between the disciplines cannot be made anymore as a holistic approach brings more benefits to patient care. Although, for instance, invasive applications are decreasing, we as healthcare providers and scientists face emerging challenges in the dental care including the increased life span of human beings, life style changes, stress related dental breakdown or caries along with multimorbidity, changes in saliva flow, pH, biofilm, inflammation of the gingival tissues in the hostile oral environment that eventually result in loss of dental tissues. In recent years, the profession is also experiencing the evolving problem of dental wear, including erosion, a major cause for the loss of mineralized tooth structure as a result of extrinsic acid in an erosive diet or an intrinsic aetiology. Considering the aging population globally, expectations are increasing for long-term survival of dental rehabilitation and there will certainly be more need for integration of dental and medical disciplines. In that context, restorative interventions will help to decrease costly invasive prosthetic applications and will benefit healthcare systems in the long-run.

Whilst we as dental professionals still have to embrace some challenges to reach the ultimate goal, Prevention and Maintenance of Oral Health, the EJPRD will continue providing the dental and other communities with high-quality scientific information through clinical and research articles covering prosthodontics, operative dentistry, implantology, endodontics, periodontics, dental materials and technology. We highly appreciate the editorial board members who contribute to peer-review process, and EJPRD encourages scientists and clinicians to submit their high-quality original research articles and comprehensive reviews on advancing and emerging technologies.

I am confident, that through such a collective effort, EJPRD will continue to have an impact on the evolution of the dental profession and continue to contribute to the dental and general health of the individual.

Sincerely yours,



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