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Editorial

Dear Readers,

We hope your expectations and plans for 2007 have already started coming true.

As we have mentioned on previous editorials, one of our major concerns is to increase the international recognition of the Journal of Applied Oral Science (JAOS). We are very fortunate that in the last few months a remarkable number of respected international reviewers have accepted to participate in our editorial board. It is our hope that the help of the generous international reviewers along with the prestigious collaboration of our national reviewers will certainly contribute to accelerate the indexing process in important journals database. We value the peer-reviewing process as a mandatory action to accomplish this goal.

Since our journal is increasingly receiving contributions from international authors, the JAOS decided to exclude some previously required demands for all submissions, so that the title, abstract and key words in Portuguese are no longer necessary. Therefore, starting from this issue our journal is solely written in English. We take this opportunity to inform our national contributors that this tough decision is necessary in order to satisfy international indexing standards. As the year of 2007 is just starting, it is our obligation to thank for the significant financial support we have been receiving from the University of São Paulo and two Brazilian Federal Agencies, CNPq and CAPES, which once more believe in our serious and honest work to spread good science and clinical practice in dentistry.

We encourage potential contributors to submit their works to the JAOS, and to send their opinions and suggestions to us (jaos@usp.br) since we face an ongoing process of improvement. We hope all of you enjoy this issue that was carefully and kindly prepared by our hard-working team.

With our best regards,

Carlos F. Santos

Editor-in-Chief

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