

Beyond borders

It is my honor to introduce the first issue of the Journal of Periodontal & Implant Science (JPIS) under the auspices of the Korean Academy of Periodontology (KAP) which has reached its 50th year of foundation.

The KAP was established in 1960 and issued its first official publication, the Journal of the Korean Academy of Periodontology (JKAP) in 1971. Since then, it has been providing up-to-date information in the field of periodontal and implant science until scoring the 39th volume last year. Within this period, carefully selected papers including basic research articles, practical clinical reports and fundamental reviews have informed the academic world through this journal.

As of 2009, the academy has 2000 members and still counting. We are holding two annual congresses and several symposiums every year. With these scientific activities, the participants have shown excellent presentations which have been published also in the JKAP.

Although the level of individual documentation was fair enough to share with the entire society, we have to acknowledge the limitation of the existing publication which is basically written in Korean. Hence, the necessity of the international journal publication has been rising.

In order to meet this demand, the editorial board of the JKAP had a special session last year and decided to convert our own publication into the international scientific periodical. Consequently, the JKAP became the JPIS on 2010.

The official language of the JPIS therefore is English to promote the international communication. This embraces a peer-review system and offers current valuable information in the field of periodontology and implantology as well. We welcome sophisticated work regardless of the study category, basic or clinical subjects, of anybody in the world. For this purpose, we are keen to enhance the editorial board structure, manuscript handling process, professional and general public relationship along with the competent publisher.

It seems to be hasty to predict how this transformation will affect the expectations of the JPIS. What is evident is that the future is totally dependent upon our capability and enthusiasm for pursuit of scientific truth. From this point of view, the preparatory work for this publication was worthwhile for us. We have included six research articles in this issue alone.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the patronage of the members of the KAP and the associated societies, on behalf of the editorial board of the JPIS, which is advancing beyond borders.

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