EDITORIAL

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A new year has started, bringing a change in the publication format for *Dentomaxillofacial Radiology* (DMFR): a switch from issue-based to “continuous” publication. Essentially, this means that accepted papers are continuously published online. Each article is assigned a unique and final identifier, which should be used for citation. The page numbering will be completely different from there on, with the whole number of pages per article as reference. [e.g. it will be page “1 of 3” or page “3 of 5”.] We will continue to publish the print version of DMFR, in which articles will have an identical identifier, but no page number. Continuous publication will be one measure out of several to ensure a more timely publication of accepted articles.

Looking back to 2012, we express our sincere gratitude to all the people who offered their valuable services to our journal: reviewers as well as associate editors. As with every peer-reviewed journal, DMFR is completely dependent on voluntary reviewers, their expertise and their willingness to offer their labour free of charge. The drastically increasing number of submissions over the past few years has obviously increased the workload of each reviewer. The editors have done their best to register additional reviewers; however, owing to the limited number of available experts, that measure cannot completely compensate for the increase in submissions. The editorial board gratefully acknowledges the great deal of input coming from our reviewers. We are very happy to have you all on board, and on behalf of all our readers we express

our sincere gratitude for your continuous service. As a minor compensation, this issue includes a complete list of individuals who have reviewed submissions to the journal in 2012.

DMFR is very happy to receive a still increasing number of submissions from which the editors have to select those that have a good chance of later being accepted and published. I am very happy to have three associate editors working with me—in alphabetical order, Min-Suk Heo, Gang Li and Mel Mupparapu—who are putting a lot of effort into selecting and processing those submissions that may warrant publication in DMFR. Without the associate editors I would never have been able to handle the workload and keep DMFR on track. Thank you so much for all your continuous hard work.

In addition, I owe a big thank you to Claire Rawlinson at our publisher, the British Institute of Radiology, who has also worked very hard for the journal. Your ideas and activities have helped the journal significantly.

We all hope that 2013 will be another successful year for DMFR. Please let us know if you have any suggestions for further improvement. The editorial board members are in close contact, and we will do our very best to further improve our services to the journal.

I wish everyone a healthy and happy 2013.

Ralf Schulze
Editor