

Editorial

In response to reader and author feedback, a couple of minor format changes are included in this issue of Operative Dentistry. First, the clinical technique, case report and clinical research articles are placed immediately after any invited manuscripts. Second, the e-publication only articles are identified with their clinical relevance statements. These manuscripts can be read in their entirety at www.jopdentonline.org. If your subscription includes online access and you are having any problems getting to the information, do not hesitate to contact our support desk at helpdesk@allenpress.com.

This month's issue includes an invited paper from Dr. David T. Wong covering the material that was presented during the Buonocore Lecture at the 2012 Academy of Operative Dentistry Annual Meeting in Chicago. I extend my sincere gratitude to Dr. Wong for his contribution to the Academy and this journal. I hope that those of you who missed an excellent

presentation will benefit from this paper. The rest of the issue includes information on the treatment of dentin prior to bonding, issues surrounding zirconia, the impact of instrumentation of composite restoration margins and the interaction of bleach with tooth structure.

And I would like to say a special thank you to each individual who has provided reviews over the last year. Reviewers, alongside of authors, are the lifeblood of the journal. These individuals are listed on the journal cover or linked online as ad-hoc reviewers. Some have provided as many as eight manuscript reviews over the last twelve months. Kudos to you!

I hope that each of you finds something worthwhile in this issue. Happy reading!

Jeffrey A. Platt D.D.S., M.S., Editor

Staff Letter

Open Letter to All Submitting Authors of Operative Dentistry

Dear Authors,

We are so grateful to each of you for continuing to provide Operative Dentistry with such outstanding manuscripts to consider. We have seen a steady increase each year in the number of manuscripts that are sent to us for publication consideration. For example 20 years ago, during the 1992 volume year, we received 68 manuscripts for consideration, and printed 33 an acceptance rate of 48%; 10 years ago, during the 2002 volume year, we received 212 manuscripts—a 311% increase, 93 were printed putting our acceptance rate at 43%; last year we received 505—a 238% increase over 2002 and a 742% increase over 1992, 80 were printed (more pages than in 2002) for a 15% acceptance rate. As you can see, we are having to become more and more selective in the articles we publish, not only that, but because of the costs of maintaining a manuscript submission system that can deal with this kind of traffic, our costs are exponentially increasing as

well. Unfortunately, it has come time that we need to pass a small portion of these costs on to our submitting authors. Operative Dentistry is charged by our submission vendor 25.00USD per manuscript that goes through our system, whether it is accepted for publication or not. Beginning with the first submission of 2013, that cost will now be charged to our authors to submit a manuscript into our system. This 25.00USD fee will be required for a manuscript to be considered in any way. Please understand that this fee is charged to us by our vendor, and will be non-refundable. Paying the submission fee will have no bearing on whether or not your manuscript will be accepted either for review, or for publication. We thank you for understanding the necessity of this step. Should you have any questions about this new policy, please contact our offices at editor@jopdent.org.

Sincerely,

Operative Dentistry Office Staff