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Editorial

It is my pleasure to present the 3rd issue of the Newsletter during my term as Newsletter editor and your President-Elect. As you will see from this Newsletter, where many activities all over the world related to Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology. There are also many activities going on related to the preparations for future meeting, the most important of these of course the 16th International Conference of Dento-Maxillo-Facial Radiology in Beijing in June, 2007. You will find plenty of information about this congress on the next few pages. The 2nd announcement of the congress with all detailed information and the registration form will be send to you shortly.



I also draw your attention on the calls for nomination for new Regional Directors, for a successor of the current Secretary-General and for the site of the ICDMFR in 2011. It goes without further saying that the outcome of these nominations is most important to the future of our Association. I hope you all come up with useful and exciting ideas and proposals.

Even though we have still to enjoy the 16th Congress in Beijing in 2007, preparations are well under way for the 17th congress in Amsterdam in 2009. The contract with the congress venue is signed and a PCO (Professional Congress Organiser) has been appointed to assist the organizing committee. The logo for the Amsterdam meeting shown on the back of this Newsletter.

We hope you will enjoy reading the Newsletter and appreciate the information about your Association.

Paul F. van der Stelt, DDS, PhD
Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology
President-Elect IADMFR

Also on behalf of
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Gerard, C.H. Sanderink, DDS, PhD
Luc L.M.H. Habets, DDS, PhD
Kostas Syriopoulos, DDS, PhD
Mrs. Yvonne Emmer

Invitation for 16th ICDMFR

It is an honor to invite all the colleagues from all over the world to attend the 16th ICDMFR in the historic and Olympic city of Beijing from June 26 to 28, 2007. The congress will provide the latest information and advancement in the field of oral and maxillofacial radiology. The Organizing Committee has invited worldwide famous professors in the field of oral and maxillofacial radiology as the invited speakers who will contribute their great experiences and research achievements to the audience. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thankfulness to them for their generous and strong supports to the congress.



It is a good opportunity to share ideas and experiences with the colleagues from around the world. Beijing is a city where the old cultural traditions and the modern civilization are well integrated. Each year thousands of visitors and tourists come to Beijing to enjoy and feel its unique culture and scenery. Beijing is endowed with rare cultural heritage due to its long history. The Great Wall, one of the world wonders and the sole man-made architecture which can be seen from space, extends several hundred miles in Beijing. The poetic and picturesque Summer Palace is the classic works of the feudal dynasty garden. The Forbidden City is the most splendid group of imperial palace in the world. The temple of heaven is the place of worship for emperors of various dynasties of China as well as a splendid achievement of the Chinese ancient architectural art.

We have planned the scientific program of the best quality, enjoyable social programs and tour options for you. I am sure the 16th ICDMFR will be one of the most successful and memorable events in the history of IADMFR.

I am looking forward to welcoming you to the 16th ICDMFR in June 2007.

Xu-chen MA
President, IADMFR
President, the Organizing Committee of the 16th ICDMFR
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Further information about the 16th ICDMFR

Invited speakers (in alphabetical order)

Prof. Sharon L. Brooks,

University of Michigan School of Dentistry, Michigan, USA

Title: Carotid artery calcifications on panoramic radiographs: how important is it that we look for these?

Prof. Soon-Chul Choi ,

School of Dentistry, Seoul National University, Korea

Title: Use of the Implant CT for Improved Treatment Planning in Dental Implantology.

Prof. Allan G. Farman

The University of Louisville, Kentucky, USA

Title: Expertise, experience and evidence: bounds, bindings and beliefs of maxillofacial imaging knowledge

Prof. Lars Hollender

Department of Oral Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, USA

Title: Use of Panoramic Radiography, CT, and MRI in patients with TMD

Dr. Kim, Jae-Duk

Dept. OMF-Radiology, School of Dentistry, Chosun University, Korea

Title: Implant with recent X-ray modality

Prof. Robert P Langlais

University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, USA

Title: The nose in oral and maxillofacial imaging

Dr. Shumei Murakami,.

Oral & Maxillofacial Radiology, Osaka University, Graduate School of Dentistry, Japan

Title: fMRI on oral functions

Prof. Curly Nortje

University of the Western Cape, South Africa

Title: Radiology of the Maxillofacial Region: A Radiological Appraisal

Prof. Tomohiro Okano

Department of Radiology, Showa University School of Dentistry, Tokyo, Japan

Title: The shape of oral radiology department and the future perspective in Japan

Prof. Arne Petersson

Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Faculty of Odontology, Malmö University, Malmö, Sweden.

Title: MRI of the temporomandibular joint. Diagnostic accuracy and referral criteria

Prof. Axel Ruprecht ,

The University of Iowa, USA.

Title: The state of oral and maxillofacial radiology worldwide in 2007

Dr. Gerard C.H. Sanderink

Academic Centre for Dentistry Amsterdam (ACTA), Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Title: Computer Aided Learning in radiology

Prof. Paul F. van der Stelt,

Academic Center for Dentistry Amsterdam (ACTA), Amsterdam, The Netherlands

Title: Implementation of digital radiology in the clinic: what is more important than the sensor system?

Prof. Stuart C.White

Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology at the UCLA School of Dentistry, LA, USA

Title: Chernobyl After Two Decades: Implications for Dentistry.

Dr. Jie Yang

Temple University School of Dentistry, Philadelphia, USA

Topic: Imaging Assessment of Dental Erosion

Dr. Qiang Yu

Ninth People's Hospital, School of Medicine, Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China

Title: Oral-maxillofacial and neck tumors at in vivo single-voxel ¹H MR spectroscopy

Dr. Zu-yan Zhang

Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, Peking University School of Stomatology, China

Title: Diagnostic and interventional sialoscopy on obstructive sialadenitis

Call for abstracts for 16th ICDMFR

The scientific committee of the 16th ICDMFR invites the submission of abstracts to be considered for oral and poster presentations.

Only electronic abstracts will be accepted. All material should be presented in the English language. You can email your abstract in PC format, MS Word 6.0 or above to the Secretariat, zhangzy-bj@vip.sina.com or kqxcma@bjmu.edu.cn. An online submission facility will be available soon. When online submission facility is available, the preferred option is to submit the abstract via the website.

Closing date for receipt of abstracts is on March 15, 2007. The deadline is absolute and no delay in submission will be accepted.

The abstract should not exceed 250 words and should be constructed with the following headings: Aims, Methods, Results and Conclusions. These headings should appear in the text of the abstract.

The content of the presentation should be pertinent to oral and maxillofacial radiology.

The contents include:

- Imaging technology

- Imaging diagnosis
- Digital systems/computers in radiology
- Radiation biology/protection/radiotherapy
- Radiation physics
- Interventional radiology
- Education
- Others

Abstracts will be reviewed by the scientific committee and either selected for oral or poster presentation or rejected. All presenters are required to register for the Congress. Presenting authors should register no later than May 31, 2007. If the author's registration is not confirmed by May 31, 2007, the organizing committee will be forced to withdraw the abstract from the official program.

All the information below need to be provided when submitting the abstract.

- Last name
- First name
- Academic/organization affiliation
- Correspondence address
- Telephone number
- Fax number
- Email address
- Mode of presentation: oral or poster

Research Award

The 4th IADMFR maxillofacial imaging research award will be granted in the 16th ICDMFR, subject to suitable applications being received. The prizes of 7500 USD and 2500 USD respectively will be granted for the two best research papers submitted. The application must be a member of the IADMFR and a postgraduate student or junior faculty in a recognized maxillofacial radiology program within 5 years of graduation. Further details and information on additional deadlines can be obtained from the IADMFR website.

From the Secretary General

Call for nominations for the Board of Directors (2007-2009)

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the IADMFR I wish to call for nominations for the Board of Directors for the period 2007-2009. The new Board will be on duty from the General Assembly at the IADMFR Congress in Beijing in 2007 until the GA at the Congress in Amsterdam in 2009.

There will be in total 12 Regional Directors.

- **One** Regional Director from: Africa, Middle East, Central America and Australasia.
- **Two** Regional Directors from: Asia, Europe, North America and South America.

The Regional Directors will be elected for a period of two years and can be reelected to a maximum term of 8 years.

Nominees will need to be proposed and seconded by two members of IADMFR in their region. Nominations, together with a brief CV of the nominee, should be sent by email no later than 1 February 2007 to:

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There will be a ballot of members on a regional basis if there is an excess of nominations. This ballot will be conducted with a "Single Transferable Vote" system. The Single Transferable Vote is a system of proportional representation that allows voters to vote for individual candidates in order of preference. Voters rank the candidates in order of preference; first preference votes are the first to be looked at, and the votes are then transferred if necessary from candidates who have either been comfortably elected or who have done so badly that they are eliminated from the election.

The new Regional Directors shall consult the membership in each country within their region requesting the members in that country to appoint or elect a National Representative for that country. It is their task to promote IADMFR and seek to increase the membership of IADMFR in their own country.



Call for nominations for Secretary General of the IADMFR

The office of the present Secretary General will end in 2007 and a new Secretary General has to be elected during the General Assembly in Beijing.

The office shall be for a period of six years and the incumbent may be re-elected for a further term of two years maximum.

The main tasks of the Secretary General are:

- Governing the business of the Association in accordance with the policy decided upon by the General Assembly and in conjunction with the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.
- Cooperate in matters of recruitment of Members in conjunction with the Regional Directors and National Associations.
- Process the applications submitted for admission to Membership of the Association and determine the category of membership.
- Be in contact with the various Dental and Medical Associations, as appropriate.
- Submit a report to the General Assembly in the form of an Addendum to the Agenda for the General Assembly meeting
- Keep the files of all correspondence and minutes of meetings; these shall be maintained in an orderly fashion to serve as records for the following Secretary General.

Further information can also be obtained from the present Secretary General Dr. Gerard Sanderink.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the IADMFR invites members to express their interest for this position together with a brief CV no later than February 1, 2007. The application should be forwarded to my attention. The Nominating Committee in turn will review the application and subsequently report to the Board of Directors. The final decision is up to the General Assembly.

Prof. Curly Nortjé, Chairman of the IADMFR Nominating Committee
E-mail: cnortje@UWC.AC.ZA

Site Nominations for the 18th ICDMFR meeting in 2011

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee of the IADMFR, I wish to inform those members who are interested in hosting the **18th International Conference of Dento Maxillofacial Radiology** to start preparing your bids. The bid should demonstrate significant local support (letters from local government, your institution, the profession locally, the convention bureau, etc.) and a suitable infrastructure and meeting plan. Information should be supplied concerning the proposed venue, accommodation for delegates and transportation/access. Six copies of the bid should be forwarded to me for my attention. The Nominating Committee in turn will review these applications and will report to the Board of Directors on the suitable venue. The final decision will be taken by the General Assembly of the Association in Beijing in June 2007. Anyone contemplating submission of a bid is more than welcome to contact me for further information. The deadline for bids is **1st March 2007**.

Prof. Curly Nortjé, Chairman of IADMFR Nominating Committee

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15th International Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology, Cape Town, South Africa / 28 May – 2 June 2005

FINAL REPORT

Introduction

The decision to accept the bid of South Africa to host the 15th ICDMFR congress in Cape Town, South Africa was approved by the members of the association at the annual general meeting during the 13th ICDMFR congress in Glasgow Scotland. This is the first time since its inception in 1968 that a congress has taken place in Africa.

The first meeting of the organizing committee was held in August 2003 where a committee was formed consisting of the following members:-

Professor M E Parker (Chairman)

Professor C J Nortjé

Ms K Crombie

Ms V Burton-Moore

Mr. Marcus Peil

Ms S van Rooyen (Consultus)

Ms C Snyman (Consultus)

The committee decided to meet once a month for the rest of 2003 which was followed by meetings every 2 weeks up to one month prior to the congress. The committee then met every week up to the start of the congress. Ninety percent of the work was done on a daily basis by Consultus which is an independent department of the University of Stellenbosch involved in the organizing of congresses.

Promotion of the Congress

Great efforts were made to promote the congress in South Africa especially among our medical colleagues. Personal efforts were made by Professors Nortjé & Parker. Professor Nortjé promoted the congress at the 12th Annual convention of the Lebanese Dental Association in August 2002, Beirut, the 2nd Pan African Congress of Radiology, August 2003, Nairobi, Kenya, the 5th Italian Radiology Congress September 2003, Torino, Italy and the 5th ICOMFR Congress December 2004 in Bangkok. Professor Parker made special visits to Gothenburg and India to promote the congress in Cape Town. Thousands of flyers were distributed at these meetings to potential delegates. A first announcement in December 2003 followed by a 2nd announcement in July 2004 was sent to all members of the IADMFR. A website was also created to promote and provide

information regarding call for papers, pre-congress course, congress fees, accompanying persons programs, hotel accommodation, functions, etc.

Support and Sponsorship

The 15th ICDMFR is indebted to IADMFR for a \$10000, 00 start up loan to get the ball rolling for organizing the congress. The Trust Fund also contributed \$15000, 00 which enabled the committee to invite graduates from the third world countries and other less privileged colleagues to attend the meeting. Thanks to the SA Society Maxillofacial Radiology for their sponsorship and continuous support. Our exhibitors played an important part making the congress a great success.

The 15th International Congress of Dentomaxillofacial Radiology was held at the Cape Town International Conference Centre in South Africa, from 30th May until 2nd June 2005, preceded on the 28th and 29th of May by the Pre-Congress Course.

The Pre-Congress Course focused on **Head & Neck and Maxillofacial imaging**. It was presented by internationally recognized speakers. The programme included the following speakers presented by: Jan Casselman, Bob Langlais, Leon van Rensburg, Jean Morkel, Allan Farman and Gavin Chapeikin. Unfortunately Andy White who was originally scheduled to speak and was not able to join and one of his colleagues, Gavin Chapeikin, gave his presentation in his absence. These two days were well attended by a mixture of delegates coming from the main Congress and also local clinicians in both Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and other related specialties.

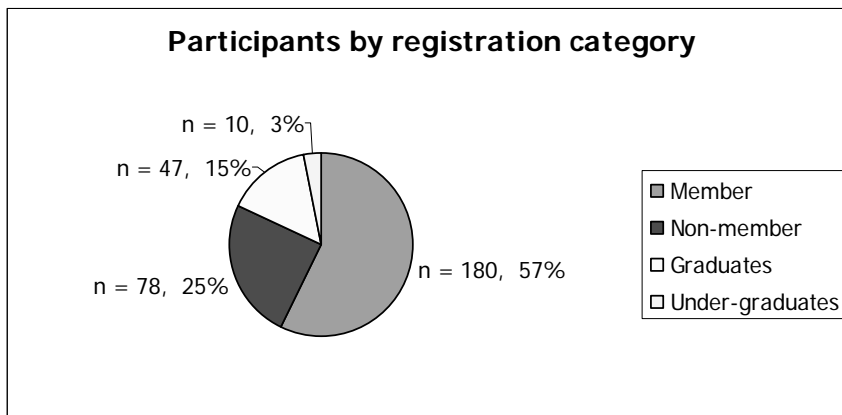
Opening Ceremony

Immediately following the close of the Pre-Congress the Opening Ceremony was held and this included a very nice touch of playing the national anthem of each country that was represented, during which the delegates from the country stood and were then applauded by the rest of the audience. A number of people stood for more than one country, demonstrating the peripatetic world in which we live, where you can be born in one country and move through others during your student and working life. In addition to the formal welcome by the President and other distinguished dignitaries from Cape Town, we were entertained to traditional singing by the Libertas Choir, conducted by Johan de Villiers, Professor of Mathematics at the University of Stellenbosch. This was immediately followed by a welcome party. The organizing committee had decided to hold the lunch and coffee breaks throughout the main congress, within the exhibition area giving the delegates an opportunity to interact with the exhibitors. The Exhibitors were very appropriate for this exciting

period that we were going through, with a number related to the relatively new “cone-beam CT” imaging technique.

Registration of Delegates

The 15th ICDMFR was attended by 315 people (pre-congress course and congress) distributed in registration categories below:



Thirty eight countries were represented at the Congress, (probably the largest number since 1968) with the majority of the delegates coming from Europe with the UK having the highest representation. The majority of the delegates attending the pre-congress course came from South Africa. However the 15th ICDMFR (excluding the pre-congress course) had the smallest attendance number (175) ever. The low attendance figures largely attributed to the negative financial balance in the end. The congress was originally budgeted on 300 delegates with a minimum attendance of 220 to break even. The pre-congress course was a blessing because it prevented an even higher financial loss for the IADMFR. Despite the fact that the 15th ICDMFR ran at a loss we are convinced that the food, wine and social functions which were provided for the delegates was simply the best. The contribution by the Trust fund to financially support young graduates was probably one of the wisest decisions in the history of IADMFR. It gave our younger colleagues an opportunity to meet many of the doyens in maxillofacial radiology in the world. (See addendum financial report)

Scientific Presentations

The congress itself consisted of **oral presentations** and **poster presentations**. Unusually, these did not conflict with each other, due to the slightly smaller number of submitted presentations. For the delegates this was advantageous as it meant that they could attend all the oral presentations and there was also plenty of time to view the posters during dedicated sessions when the authors were expected to be beside their posters in order to answer questions. Each morning commenced with a special invited speaker and these were all about radiology except for the first day of the Congress. To open the congress a keynote oration was given by Erich Raubenheimer who gave a fascinating talk about ivory and elephant survival.

Exhibitors

Seventeen exhibitors were present at the congress which included most of the companies that have supported IADMFR over the last forty years. Free exhibition stands were made available for the Secretariat of IADMFR, the Beijing ICDMFR organizing committee and KWV wines of South Africa.

Social Events

Special social events were held on each day of the three days of the Congress. On the first evening a reception was hosted by the President in the Roof terrace room. The delegates were entertained during the reception by African dancers who encouraged a number of delegates to join in and demonstrate whether or not they were able to pick up the rhythm so ably demonstrated by the performers. On the Tuesday afternoon everyone was free and for the keen golfers a friendly competition was held at Spier Wine Estate, Stellenbosch. For the rest a marvelous buffet lunch at Spier's Moyo Restaurant was held giving all an opportunity to truly relax and mingle with old friends and to make new ones. In addition to the delicious food, entertainers moved around giving everyone plenty to smile and laugh about. The highlight being the face painting. The face painters used white dots to make unique patterns on the face. A puzzle man passed amongst the tables and for those who were able to solve his puzzles revealed a prize. A group of singers entertained the delegates towards the end of lunch. The congress banquet was held at the Mount Nelson Hotel, one of the most famous hotels in South Africa. The closing ceremony of the 15th ICDMFR took place in the Auditorium at twelve o'clock on Thursday 2nd of June where Professor Nortjé officially handed the presidency over to Professor Xuchen Ma. This ceremony was followed by a farewell party partially sponsored by Professor Ma which consisted of traditional Chinese food and wines sponsored by KWV.

Detailed information about the financial aspects of the 15th ICDMFR can be found on the IADMFR web-site.

Conclusion

The Congress secretariat apologizes for the unfortunate financial loss for IADMFR. The main reasons attributing to the financial loss are:

- The low registration numbers
- The great variation between the Euro and Dollar exchange rate and the South African Rand before, during and after the congress.
- Many delegates attending various social functions without paying.

Professor ME Parker (Chairman)

Professor CJ Nortjè (President)

Regional Report from Korea

38th General Assembly and Scientific Meeting, Korean Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology was held at Cancer Research Center 2nd Floor, Seoul National University on March 18, 2006. Professor Soon-Chul Choi of Seoul National University chaired the Scientific Meeting and General Assembly. The Scientific Meeting had 8 scientific oral presentations and 3 special lectures.



The 2006 Fall Scientific Meeting, Korean Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology will be held at Wonkwang University in Iksan City on Oct 14, 2006.

Many members of Korean Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology are going to attend the 6th Asian Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology in Venue: Bangalore, India on December 8-10, 2006

Oral Presentations

1. Radiographic Diagnosis of Synovial Chondromatosis in Temporomandibular joint : Report of Three Cases occurred in females, Byung-Cheol Kang*, Suk-ja Yoon, Jae-Seo Lee, Jae-Duk Kim, Jin-Soo Kim (Chonnam National University, Chosun University).
2. Ameloblastoma: a case report, Ju-Seop Song*, Kyoung-A Kim, Ki-Jeong Kwon, Kwang-Joon Koh (Chonbuk National University).
3. Relationship between two-dimensional and three-dimensional bone architecture in predicting the mechanical strength of the pig mandible, Kyung-Hoe Huh*, Won-Jin Yi, Min-Suk Heo, Sam-Sun Lee, Soon-Chul Choi (Seoul National University).
4. Relationship of bone mass and bony trabecular characteristics of proximal femur, Dong-Hoon Choi, Byung-Do Lee (Wongkwang University).
5. Relation of the measuring values in cephalometric radiographs and in TMJ tomographs, Jin-Woo Han, Hang-Moon Choi, In-Woo Park (Kangnung National University).
6. Nutrient canals on anterior mandible in a cone beam computed tomography, Jung-Ho Kang*, Yong-Seok Choi, Eui-Hwan Hwang, Sang-Rae Lee (Kyung Hee University).
7. Effect on the facial soft tissue thickness measurement according to protocols of spiral computed tomography, Ho-Gul Jeong*, Kee-Deog Kim, Seung-Ho Han, Je-Bum Lee, Hyok Park, Sung-Ho Choi, Jong-Kwan Kim, Chang-Seo Park (Yonsei University).

8. A comparison of the capsular width measured on ultrasonograph and MR image of the temporomandibular joint, Tae-Wan Lee*, Won-Jeong Han, Eun-Kyung Kim (Dankook University).

Special lectures

1. Patient Doses in Oral Radiographic Examinations: Current Status. Prof. Tomohiro Okano (Showa University, Tokyo, Japan).
2. Sialographic and sialoendoscopic feature of obstructive sialadenitis. Prof. Zuyan Zhang (Peking University School of Stomatology, Beijing, China)
3. Oral Radiology in China. Prof. Xuchen Ma (Peking University School of Stomatology, Beijing, China).

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Regional report from Europe

The last few months, many European IADMFR members have been facing contrasts. After a scientifically enriching springtime, many minds were drying up in July, to then rinse away with the August water. Fortunately, a beautiful and interesting September has arrived, allowing to refill the empty cups.



Traditionally, many European meetings take place in Autumn time. One can find a meeting for just any of the days. Just to mention a few: The Pan European Federation (PEF) of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) is an interesting joint venture of the British, Continental European, Irish and Scandinavian Divisions of the IADR. PEF 2006 was successfully organised in Dublin from 15-17 September 2006. At the same time, the European Association for Cranio-Maxillofacial Surgery was holding its 18th Congress in Barcelona Spain, in such meetings it becomes clear that the role of image-guided surgery is steadily increasing.



Furthermore, the British Society of Dental and Maxillofacial Radiology under the presidency of Keith Horner has been holding an interesting autumn meeting on September 21 and 22 2006 in beautiful York. At the same time in Sweden, the traditional Radiology week "Röntgenveckan" took place in Örebro from Sept 18 to 22 with a scheduled afternoon on cone beam CT (Sept 21). Last but not least to mention is the 17th International Congress of Head & Neck Radiology, taking place in Budapest, Hungary, September 28-30. The pre-congress course of that meeting was devoted to Multi-dimensional Maxillofacial Imaging - Cone Beam CT. Some IADMFR members were attending and/or even contributing by lecturing. IADMFR representation and regular communication might certainly help stimulating cross-fertilisation.

From a research point of view it is very interesting to mention that the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission will be fully operational as of 1 January 2007. It will expire in 2013. This Framework programme bundles all research-related EU initiatives together under a common roof and it is a key pillar for the European Research Area (ERA). It allows researchers from various disciplines and countries to join research

forces. Under the 6th Framework, Keith Horner and Hugh Devlin from the University of Manchester have been successfully leading such multi-centric research on osteoporosis detection, coined "Osteodent". More information on the topics of FP7, please visit <http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/>.

Tore A Larheim
Reinhilde Jacobs
Regional Directors, Europe

Editor's Report, October 2006

It's an exciting time to be editor of *Dentomaxillofacial Radiology* because a number of new opportunities are arising that will increase the value of the journal to the membership.

Starting in 2007 the journal will have a new cover appearance that will coincide with our move from 6 issues per year to 8 issues per year. For the first sixteen years of its existence the journal published 2 issues per year, under the editorship of Otto Kriens (volumes 1-5), Ulf Welander (volumes 6-12), and Stuart White (volumes 13-17). In 1989 the journal increased to 4 issues/yr, then to 5 issues in 1996, and finally to 6 issues in 1997. Peter Hirschmann was the editor for most of this growth period. Douglas Benn succeeded Peter in 2001 and then I joined the team in 2003.

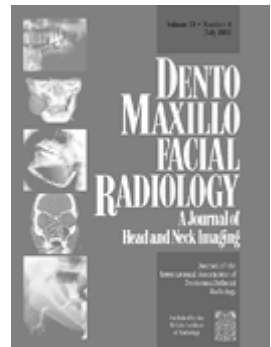
In 2006, responding to an increasing delay in publication due to the number of manuscript submissions and acceptances, the IADMFR Trust Fund voted to pay for an increase in pages for the journal for a one-year period, with other solutions to be sought for future years.

One of the things that have happened is an increase in the rejection rate for manuscripts, although it may still not be as high as some recommend (not the authors who submit papers!).

However, the manuscript submission rate continues to grow even more rapidly, with the number of papers submitted by the middle of October, 2006 (when this message is being written) has already exceeded the number submitted in all of 2005.

One of the options is to be even more restrictive with manuscript acceptance, but I feel that, as the official journal of the International Association of DentoMaxilloFacial Radiology, we need to have a forum for our members to publish their work as long as it is scientifically valid and contributes to our knowledge.

The other option is to find a way to increase the number of pages published without cost to the members. Our publisher, British Institute of Radiology, has told us that we can increase to 8 issues/year with no added costs to the membership or the Association for the next two years. There will be some increase in costs for individual, non-member, and library subscriptions. We will be making the move to 8 issues starting in January 2007.



There are some who have expressed concern that there are not enough “good” papers to fill that many pages and that the journal will deteriorate as a result of that. I’m sure there were similar arguments in 1997 when DFMR went to 6 issues. I do not share that concern. We are getting a very large number of manuscripts submitted, which is expected to increase further when we move to web-based submission. Coupled with increased selectivity, I have no doubt that we will continue to publish a journal that will be of value to our members, with a mix of research and clinical reports. If I thought that this move was not to the benefit of the membership and the Association itself, I would not have proposed it or agreed to it and I would have asked the Board of Directors to appoint someone to assume the editorship.

Another new feature that you will experience soon is the use of Editorial Manager, a web-based manuscript management system that should make the whole editorial process run more smoothly for authors, reviewers, editor, and publication staff. We are very close to being able to implement the system. No more will you have to send papers by email attachments and hope that files did not get filtered out before they arrived. An announcement about this and directions for use will be published in the IADMFR website (<http://www.iadmfr.org>). Please check that before you submit manuscripts in the future so we all can take advantage of its many features.

We would like to urge all graduate students and junior faculty (less than 5 years since graduation) in maxillofacial radiology to submit an abstract for the IADMFR Maxillofacial Imaging Research Award. Details, including criteria for entering, deadlines, etc, are available on the IADMFR web site. There are two prizes, \$7500 and \$2500, and the opportunity to present the paper at the 16th International Congress in Beijing in 2007 and to publish in DMFR. This is an excellent opportunity for our junior colleagues to receive recognition and encouragement for their hard work.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Editor for Dentomaxillofacial Radiology.

Sharon L. Brooks

AGENDA

2007

March 17-21, 2007

New Orleans, LA

84th ADEA Annual Session & Exhibition

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March 21–24, 2007

New Orleans, LA

85th General Session & Exhibition of the IADR

36th Annual Meeting of the AADR

31st Annual Meeting of the CADR

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June 26-30, 2007

16th Int. Congress of the IADMFR, Beijing, China

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November 27 - December 1, 2007

58th Annual Session, American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology

The Knickerbocker Hotel,

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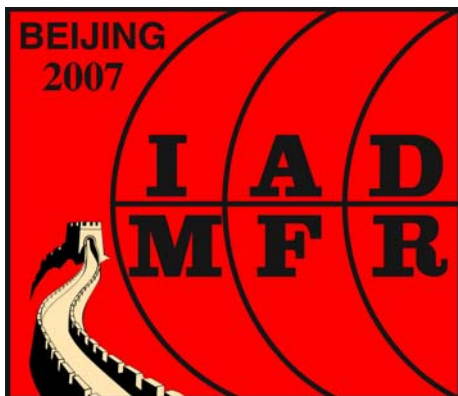
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