Your contribution is a further step closer to the development of our field!

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It has been more than a year since the first issue of the International Journal of Maxillofacial Prosthetics (iJMP) was published. During this period, the editorial board has been working hard towards the aim of bridging the gap in various aspects of maxillofacial prosthetics and its related fields by providing a unique platform for all maxillofacial prosthetic publications. Although the number of articles in maxillofacial prosthetics has rapidly increased in the last ten years in various prosthodontic journals, many researchers are still not aware that there is a new journal dedicated to our field. To counter this issue, iJMP has worked from the beginning to have international renowned experts in various specialties of maxillofacial prosthetic rehabilitation to serve on its advisory board. The editorial board also includes many young maxillofacial prosthetic professionals and researchers who are enthusiastic to bring the journal up to the highest standards of scholarly publishing.

In effort to reach out to more members of the maxillofacial prosthetics research community, iJMP has sought to become the official journal for a number of conferences and meetings related to our discipline. One such event was the International Conference of Maxillofacial Prosthodontics, which took place in December 2017. It was organized by Enhance Head Neck Rehabilitation Initiative and supported by the International Society for Maxillofacial Rehabilitation (ISMR).

This year, iJMP was the official journal of another important event that took place in Tokyo, Japan. It was the International Workshop for Young Maxillofacial Prosthetic Educators (yMPE). It is the first of a biannual workshop series aiming to develop and improve teaching skills of young maxillofacial prosthetic educators through intensive lectures, presentations, clinical observations, and hands on training at the hands of experts. The workshop took place during March 5-8, 2019 at the prestigious Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU). It is supported by a grant from the Education and Research Foundation of the International College of Prosthodontists (ICP).

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To make this possible, usually an Article Processing Charge (APC) is collected to cover the costs of running the journal instead of collecting subscriptions. This makes a financial burden on researchers (especially those in countries with few research grants), which hinders them from submitting articles to open access journals.

To promote our journal during its launch period, the editorial board has decided that APCs for articles submitted and accepted in 2019 will all be waived.

On behalf of the editorial board of the iJMP, we invite you to submit your valuable manuscripts under any of the four categories of the journal at our [website](#). The online submission system will ensure quick double-blind review and professional publication of your article. To further foster networking among maxillofacial prosthetic researchers, iJMP has updated its mailing list for the whole community to share different news and updates. Anyone can send announcements or updates to the whole list. We have done our best to list all researchers in the field. We hope that this tool brings our colleagues closer and ensure their mutual benefit.