Welcome to IJMP, a new journal with new value!

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The International Journal of Maxillofacial Prosthetics (IJMP) is a peer-reviewed open access journal that aims to bridge the gap in various aspects of maxillofacial prosthetics and its related fields. In view of the fact that the number of maxillofacial prosthetic articles has rapidly increased in the last ten years in various prosthodontic journals generally, the founders felt the need to start a new journal that fosters networking among maxillofacial prosthetic researchers and provides a platform specifically, for all maxillofacial prosthetic publications. This journal majors in publishing original research and studies in the area of maxillofacial prosthetic rehabilitation, associated with the treatment of functional disorders and aesthetic deformities caused by various congenital and acquired defects. It aims to become the most prestigious journal for maxillofacial prosthetic research. It hopes to cover all diagnostic, clinical and technical management aspects of head and neck region.

IJMP is open to all and free of any form of publisher control. Following the current global trend towards more openness and transparency in the production and dissemination of scientific knowledge, we chose to make IJMP open access. At the outset of the open access movement, the Budapest Declaration of 2002, aspired for "the world-wide electronic distribution of the peer-reviewed journal literature and completely free and unrestricted access to it by all scientists, scholars, teachers, students, and other curious minds". Several studies have shown the benefits of open access including the rapid dissemination of research outcomes as well as the increased number of citations that open access articles can get compared to those behind paywalls. In addition to being the first open access journal in the field, IJMP also introduces three dimensional (3D) data documentation within its PDF articles for effective interactive digital visualization in maxillofacial prosthetics. It is a special service of its kind in prosthodontic publications that will allow our readers to interact with 3D models within PDF articles using the

conventional adobe reader software. We believe that proper data visualization and documentation plays an effective role in interactive treatment planning and delivery of definitive prostheses in maxillofacial prosthetics. This service also enables both specialist and non-specialist readers to expand access to the most important aspects of the information within geometrical 3D structures.

Finally, we call on all researchers in our field to explore IJMP's website, read its policies and consider submitting their manuscripts under any of the four categories of the journal. To celebrate the launch of IJMP, fees for processing articles that submitted and accepted in 2017 will all be waived. As mentioned before, IJMP aims to foster networking among maxillofacial prosthetic researchers, therefore, we have created a mailing list for the whole community to share different news and updates. Anyone can send announcements or updates to the whole list. However, the list will be moderated to avoid any unwanted content (e.g. spam calls for submission and scam conference announcements). We have done our best to list all researchers in the field. We hope this to be a tool that brings our colleagues closer and ensure their mutual benefit. If you have not received a welcome email already, please send an email to maxillofacial-prosthetics-community+subscribe@googlegroups.com.