



Welcome to EJOI!

Welcome to the *European Journal of Oral Implantology*. The aim of *EJOI* is to provide evidence-based and reliable clinical guidance to dentists practising or simply interested in implant dentistry, to help them in making the best decisions for their patients. I am sure that many of you will have some questions in mind: 'Why a new journal?' and 'What makes this journal different from others?' There are already many journals dealing with oral implantology, among them some well-established and highly respected periodicals. Unfortunately, publication times can be very long, with important articles taking more than 2 years to be published, leaving clinicians without relevant, up-to-date information. Another critical issue is the interpretation of findings from published articles. There is still a tendency to extrapolate clinical information from *in vitro* and animal studies, which can lead to misleading interpretations. Moreover, many of the 'principles' that are almost universally accepted in implant dentistry are not backed up by any scientific evidence, and some may be untrue.

The vision of *EJOI* is to focus on reliable clinically oriented articles, providing evidence-based practical insights for clinicians. We are keen to present findings from systematic reviews and clinical trials aimed at identifying the most predictable ways to rehabili-

tate patients. Priority will be given to large and high-quality studies. We aim to focus on *quality* and *substance*, also giving space to 'negative' findings and to procedures aimed at solving complications. At the same time, we are aware of dentists' need to fully understand how the presented procedures were performed in detail; therefore, ample space will be given to their description and to relevant illustrations.

We wish to implement a rapid publication policy, with the aim that, in less than 6 months, the latest information will be accessible. We also hope that *EJOI* becomes a useful scientific educational tool for postgraduate students. This is in line with the educational ethos of the societies who have already adopted *EJOI* as their official publication, the British Society of Oral Implantology (BSOI) and the Dutch Society of Oral Implantology (NVOI). These are our intentions, but we need your help to succeed.

I wish you pleasant reading, and if you have any comments please feel free to email them to me at espositomarco@hotmail.com.

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