Dear Reader,

As announced in our previous editorial, JAD will become an “open access” journal from January 1, 2022. Note that after acceptance of a submitted article, a moderate publication fee of €1250 (excluding taxes) is charged by the publisher, while article submission fees are NOT charged.

As encouraged by universities as well as governmental funding agencies, which often request that research data generated with public (tax) money be accessible for all, we believe that JAD needs to follow this trend and take this step to further boost our journal. Despite the publication fee, the biggest advantage for authors is that research data will be available more quickly to a broader readership and thus be citable sooner and more frequently. More specifically, it means that papers will no longer be assembled in issues but will be available online (https://www.quintessence-publishing.com/deu/en/journal/the-journal-of-adhesive-dentistry) shortly after acceptance and editorial revision. JAD will no longer be printed, meaning that the journal will also become more environmentally friendly.

We hence look forward to receiving your manuscripts for open-access publication.

We would also like to inform you that Professor Steve Armstrong will retire as Associate Editor. After having served for about five years as Associate Editor, we sincerely thank Steve for his valuable contribution to JAD, having handled the review process of numerous manuscripts.

Succeeding Steve, Professor Alessandro Loguercio will join the team of Associate Editors, making sure that manuscript review time remains as short as possible.

Alessandro obtained his DDS degree in 1994, his Master’s degree in Operative Dentistry in 1998, both from the Federal University of Pelotas in Brazil, and his PhD in Dental Materials in 2003 at the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil. In 2006, he was appointed Associate Professor of Operative Dentistry and Dental Materials at the State University of Ponta Grossa in Brazil, a position he still holds today. His main research interest involves new dental materials technology, mainly regarding dental adhesives and tooth whitening, while also focusing on clinical trials and systematic reviews. His research work has led to over 400 peer-reviewed papers. Dr. Loguercio has been a JAD Editorial Board member since 2010.

We very much look forward to collaborating with Alessandro, who has been asked to handle the review process of part of the submitted manuscripts and help us to further improve our journal.

We wish Alessandro great success in his function of Associate Editor for many years to come!

Sincerely yours,

Bart Van Meerbeek

Roland Frankenberger