

# editorial

## Editor Emeritus



Time and again I am impressed with the research and clinical work being carried out daily by my colleagues from around the globe. In so many instances, these efforts are improving patients' lives with cutting edge technology and procedures; facilitating the clinical practice of implant and reconstructive dentistry, and delivering aesthetic and dependable patient solutions in better and faster ways. Such achievements deserve the widest and promptest attention possible. To that end, we are pleased to announce the inaugural issue of the *Journal of Implant and Reconstructive Dentistry* (JIRD).

JIRD will be a platform for spreading the word quickly about new research and technological advancements from around the globe. Articles will cover contemporary topics in implant dentistry and reconstructive therapies. Our goal is to illustrate the principles involved in the delivery of optimal patient care. We'll be doing that by presenting in a lucid, and comprehensible manner, the scientific rationales behind various clinical approaches. However, our focus on the clinical relevance of new scientific evidence will be ongoing, and specific techniques and methods for implementing those approaches will also be highlighted. We believe that new research findings and clinical techniques are best illustrated by clinical example.

In today's world, things change rapidly, yet dissemination of valuable information sometimes lags. JIRD seeks to be a vehicle for updating you about new aspects of implant therapy that will serve both you and your patients.

JIRD will be published two times per year. Reflecting our commitment to the global community and to environmental responsibility, JIRD will also be available electronically via [www.JIRD-online.com](http://www.JIRD-online.com). The e-JIRD version will contain web-exclusive and expanded content as well as interactive elements such as treatment videos and interviews with leading clinicians in the field of implant and reconstructive dentistry. We look forward to serving readers around the world, and we welcome your feedback and comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard J. Lazzara".

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