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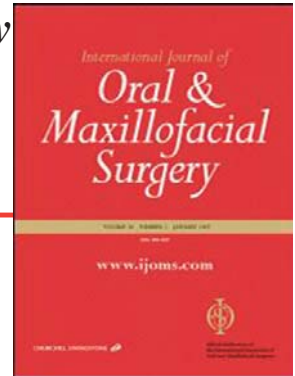
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International Journal on Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Editor-in-Chief Piet Haers to Step Down in 2011



Twelve seems to be the lucky number for the position of Editor-in-Chief for the *International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery*.

When current Editor-in-Chief Piet Haers took over the position from Paul J.W. Stoelinga in 1999, Dr. Stoelinga was ending a 12-year term in the position. Dr. Haers has announced his plans to end his term as Editor-in-Chief at the 20th ICOMS in Santiago, which means Dr. Haers' term will have lasted just as long as his predecessor's.

Under Dr. Haers' leadership, in 2009 alone, the *Journal* received a record

number of submissions from 73 countries and the number of downloads of *Journal* articles has grown to an incredible 35,000-45,000 per month. Additionally, the *Journal's* impact factor (ISI Journal Citation Reports®, published by Thomson Scientific) has gone from the 0.721 earned during Dr. Stoelinga's final year to 1.487 in 2008 with the number expected to be even higher for 2009, making the IJOMS the leading OMS journal worldwide.

In late 2009, Dr. Haers implemented the latest major change for how the *Journal* is reviewed and edited by

appointing three Associate Editors—Joseph Piecuch, Siegfried Jank, and Riitta Suuronen—who are responsible for three separate chapters on disease, trauma and research.

Each of those chapters also include seven subchapters. As Piet reported to the Executive Committee in May: "The Editor-in-Chief's tasks have changed...the Editor-in-Chief sets the editorial policies, compiles the issues, reviews initiated review papers and deals with problematic papers and all other editorial issues. This reflects the increased workload of the *Journal* with the expanded review board and the increasing complexity of the papers received. While the satisfaction among our editors is very high, they want everything to go much faster, which is why we went to three Associate Editors."

IAOMS President Larry Nissen praised Dr. Haers for his exemplary leadership as Editor-in-Chief: "The membership of the IAOMS is truly indebted to Piet for the tremendous strides he has made in making the *International Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery* the leading oral and maxillofacial journal. We will truly miss his leadership and look forward to working with him as we begin our search for a new Editor-in-Chief."

For information on the policy for the selection of a new Editor-in-Chief, see the IAOMS Newsletter for July/August 2010.



Prof. Piet Haers