

Foreword

Musing upon the Prospects of Our Journal

It is a fact that countless journals are constantly emerging worldwide, yet, as academician Leontiev jokingly put it, their life ends once their first issue has come out.

By contrast, our journal will count in 2005 its fourth year of constant presence. We are getting ready, for the last issue of 2004, a survey of authors and titles in order to remind our readers that outstanding personalities of many countries have contributed to the journal. This task overlaps our reference material of authors and articles published forwarded (on request) to the National Board for Higher Education Scientific Research with a view to securing scientific recognition and having accreditation granted in keeping with Romanian legislation.

We rejoice at receiving words of appreciation (to be henceforth printed) sent in by prestigious colleagues from abroad.

Another matter of concern to us is enlarging our collaboration to a series of other countries, even outside the Black Sea area, since our experience in the field of oral health and dental management is still not ample enough and, therefore, any offer of support originating in other zones of the planet are necessary and welcomed.

We are aware the "Varia" section of the journal ought not to be extended, so as not to depart from the journal targets. We reckon that we need not surpass a limit of 20% of "Varia"-type articles, of which publication is still necessary on two counts: firstly, we do not dispose of sufficient contributions on orodental health sent in due course to ensure timely publication and, secondly, currently we are not in the position of denying publication of contributions provided by colleagues of other specializations who express confidence in the prospective course of our journal.

I am gratified to have been offered a plaque on the occasion of the third Congress of

the Black Sea Network, held on 6-9 October 2004, in recognition of our efforts to secure publication of the journal and of having organized the three international congresses at Constanta on "Oral Health and Dental Management in the Black Sea Countries" in 2002, 2003, 2004. The decision has likewise been taken to hold the next congress at Chisnau, on 25-28 September 2006, with the support of Dean Professor Pavel Godoroja, PhD.

Mention must also be made that the performance developed in the field of orodental medicine within the Black Sea Countries was highlighted as an example alongside achievements in the spheres of economy and engineering.

I personally deem that by structuring network activities in certain main areas the general interest in this regional organization will be enhanced and the aims it was set up for will be more adequately attained.

Should you consider the performance of our journal as meritorious, you are kindly invited to have your contributions published in it or else convey your suggestions or criticism.

We are aware that our prospective joining the European Union means new qualitative standards for us to meet. The fact that half of the countries in the region also seek integration prompts us toward new levels of excellence.

If you proceed from the assumption that no effort is too strenuous and demanding when a purpose deserved attainment, then kindly look upon our invitation to cooperate as truly worthwhile.

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