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Dear Readers,

On behalf of the editorial board, publishers, and staff of *Functional Esthetics & Restorative Dentistry*, I would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to our readers and corporate sponsors for the incredible success of this journal. As we enter our second year of publication, we're finding that it is filling a definite need in the professional literature. Because of its uncompromising standards, *Functional Esthetics & Restorative Dentistry* is succeeding in bringing information to our audience that is not just of the highest quality, but that is also practical, comprehensive, and very relevant to today's clinical practice.

An example of such clinical relevance is the thematic issue on the topic of dental implants (August 2007). I commend the authors who participated in the issue, as they presented excellent articles that generated wonderfully positive feedback from both our readers and sponsors. The opportunity to introduce two thematic issues on this essential topic has provided me the impetus to focus my thoughts to determine the issues that I believe must be shared with readers and sponsors alike. I feel very fortunate that my passion on this topic is shared by our previous and present authors, and I believe that by sharing my perspective on patient care gained from practicing dentistry for more than 25 years, our readers can learn from my experiences.

As I travel around the United States and present on various topics at local dental study clubs, dental societies, dental schools, and residency programs, my opinions become more galvanized with regard to the importance of the team approach and *inter-* (not multi-) *disciplinary* therapy. I have found that those dentists with the highest levels of professional satisfaction, passion, and happiness share a commitment to quality interdisciplinary team dentistry. Keeping up-to-date on the ever-changing field of dental materials and techniques seems an impossible feat, but it is one that ultimately leads to outstanding patient care.

The articles presented in this issue of *Functional Esthetics & Restorative Dentistry* marry the practical applications of implant dentistry together with the integral concepts of rendering that care through an interdisciplinary approach. It is an honor to participate with a group of clinicians as outstanding as the individuals in this issue, and my hope is that you, the valued reader, will come away with a new understanding of how implant therapy delivered by an interdisciplinary team can result in predictable outcomes beneficial not only for the patients, but also for each interdisciplinary team member who participates in delivering that outcome.

Sincerely and with warmest regards,

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