

# THE EDITOR'S CORNER

## Welcome to the Team

One of my first duties as JCO Editor-in-Chief was to help select new members of our editorial board to lead us into the future. The strength of our journal has always rested in its exemplary board. These are the people working late evenings and weekends—and sometimes in between patients—reviewing papers for content and accuracy to ensure that every publication is the best that it can be. Each of these orthodontists displays the clinical expertise, core values, and teamwork that best represent JCO.

This month, I am pleased to announce the first of these board changes as we welcome four new members: Drs. Sergio Valverde, Robert Kazmierski, Shawn Miller, and James Noble.

It has been one of my greatest honors to serve as the Associate Editor for Pearls over the past six years, and I can think of no one better to replace me than Sergio Valverde. He is an adjunct faculty member at the Universidad Científica del Sur and Seton Hill University, and he runs a thriving private practice in Lima, Peru. Once you read his Pearls (one of which is featured in this issue), you will quickly find out that Sergio has a passion for clinical photography.

Robert Kazmierski is in private practice in Moorestown, New Jersey. His professional interests include growth and development, orthognathic surgery, and open-bite malocclusions, but his true specialty is his moral compass and his brilliant insight into all things orthodontic. Robert's thoughtful posts on various orthodontic Facebook forums are always worth reading and saving. I have encouraged him to submit Letters to the Editor on pertinent topics, and I will lean on him greatly for wisdom and guidance.

Shawn Miller, whom I fondly describe as the best orthodontist I know, is a Diplomate of the ABO and in private practice in Orange, California. Shawn and I have been close friends since our

days together at the University of Pennsylvania Dental School, and I have greatly enjoyed collaborating with him on many JCO articles. His specialties cast a wide net, but include cone-beam computed tomography, custom braces, Invisalign biomechanics, surgically assisted accelerated orthodontics, and interdisciplinary treatment.

James Noble is in private practice in Toronto; he is also a staff orthodontist at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, the orthodontist for the Children's Aid Society of Toronto, and an adjunct faculty member at Seton Hill University and the University of Toronto. James is the Director of Orthodontics for the Royal College of Dentists of Canada, and he is highly involved in the Canadian Association of Orthodontics. I consider him to be the epitome of ethics and an exemplar for any young clinician.

In addition, Dr. Björn Ludwig of Trarbach, Germany, has been promoted to Associate Editor. Björn's work is synonymous with JCO—in fact, his landmark articles have graced the JCO cover a remarkable 13 times! He will lead the charge for our newest department, "Digital Ortho Lab," which aims to provide readers with the necessary tools to create custom appliances through CAD/CAM technology. The first article in this series (in our April issue) covered the design and fabrication of mini-implant-assisted rapid palatal expanders, including a short online video and a QR code for downloading a relevant STL file.

I would also like to take a moment to acknowledge the remarkable efforts of the rest of our JCO team: Dr. Robert Keim, our Senior Editor, as well as David Vogels, Phil Vogels, Brynn Warriner, Irina Lef, Ann Marie Wollman, and Chantelle Mitchell. I am honored and excited to work closely with such incredible people.

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