Journal changes

The European Archives of Paediatric Dentistry has been published four times a year for several years. In the early years it was not known how successful the journal would be and also the number of papers submitted was not large. Slowly, however, the number, and more importantly the quality, of papers has increased year on year. To accommodate those papers of quality we have gradually published bigger and bigger issues. Then we started to publish supplements, usually focusing on clinical practice but in effect making five issues per year.

Late in 2009 it became clear that the number of submitted manuscripts was reaching the point when either each issue of the EAPD had to get bigger and bigger or more issues would be needed. In 2009 the total number of papers under consideration, including those rejected in the editorial office, went over 80. The Executive Board of our Academy discussed this situation and the decision was made to explore an increase in the number of issues to six per year. This process involved discussion with PubMed of the National Library of Medicine with whom we work to ensure abstracts of our publications are listed. This approval has recently been given.

Hence with this issue we expand and venture into a more frequent publication schedule. The publication dates per year will be: February, April, June, August, October and December. It has been our policy for some years that some issues will focus on a main line of interest, for example behaviour management. This will continue. Planned for this year will be an issue containing more papers concerning MIH but including best practice guidelines. Later in the year will be a series of papers on the use of lasers in paediatric dentistry.

Clinical practice is clearly a most important area of interest for our readers and accordingly the previous ‘Clinical Practice Supplement’ will be converted into one of the regular issues. In even number years, as is 2010, there will be the October’s issue publication of the abstracts of papers presented at our Congress, which will be Harrogate this year.

It is interesting that in the past two years we have seen an increasing number of papers being submitted from Canada and the USA as well as South America. These changes reflect the increasing interest for the European Archives of Paediatric Dentistry, not only in Europe but also worldwide.

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Preliminary Notice of the EAPD General Assembly

The next General Assembly of the European Academy of Paediatric Dentistry will take place in conjunction with the 10th Congress of the Academy in Harrogate. The provisional date has been set as Friday, June 4th from 5.00 to 6.00 pm. 2010.

The venue will be announced later. For further details members of the Academy should check with our website www.eapd.gr