

EDITORIAL

This has been a year of change for the Journal, and I should like to thank Jules Kieser (and Glynn Kieser) for their editorial work over the last 2 years. This year has been a steep learning curve for me and my assistant editor Charles Maybury, but we are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel!

I should like to welcome, on behalf of the JFOS, two new members to our Editorial Board: Irena Dawidson (Sweden) and Helen Liversidge (United Kingdom). I am sure that they will both become energetic and proactive members of the Board. Several members have retired from the Board this year, and Cyril Thomas, Lis Andersen Torpet and Hakan Mornstad are thanked for their contributions to the JFOS over the years.

Earlier this year the list of reviewers was updated and I am delighted that there was such a positive response from them: their hard work and considerable time commitment is much appreciated – long may it continue!

I hope that this edition contains something of interest to all the readers: not only those with experience in the forensic dental field, but also inexperienced colleagues and those from different forensic disciplines. The range of papers in this issue offer basic, straightforward information to encourage those starting on their forensic careers, to more complex and statistical issues. If you have been thinking about “putting pen to paper” please put this into action: even if your manuscript is not accepted, there is much to learn from the reviewer comments to help you in the future. It is extremely important that potential authors continue to submit papers so that international research, developments, ideas and case reports can be shared, increasing our knowledge base.

Errors and controversial cases over the years have brought the forensic sciences under close scrutiny and criticism; never before has it been so important to promote quality research, international co-operation and standardisation. We have much to learn.

Kind regards for the festive season.

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