

# *International Dental Journal*

## Call for Editor-in-Chief

FDI World Dental Federation (FDI) is seeking a new Editor-in-Chief for its *International Dental Journal* (IDJ). The initial three-year term will begin on 1 January 2022 and carries an annual stipend.

## About the *International Dental Journal*

The IDJ is the official scientific publication of FDI and celebrated 70 years of existence in 2020. The journal has seen a steady increase in article downloads and Impact Factor up to 2.512 in 2020. Published bimonthly, the IDJ features peer-reviewed articles relevant to oral health issues worldwide. These focus on international public health, practice-related research, and inter-professional education and practice. The journal is an important vehicle to promote the FDI's mission to be the global voice of dental profession and to improve the oral health of people worldwide.

IDJ became a Gold Open Access publication with no subscription charges and Elsevier as the publisher as of 1 January 2021. The digital-only journal is freely available to everyone, which extends the potential audience reach of all articles. The first open-access issue was published in February 2021. Given there are no subscription charges the cost of publishing an article is borne by the author (or their institution or organization) through the requirement of an Article Publication Charge (APC), once the article is accepted for publication.

Read more at: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/journal/international-dental-journal>

## Role and Qualifications

FDI seeks an Editor-in-Chief who is committed to publication excellence and the advancement of global oral health. Applicants should have experience in public health, practice-related research, and education, as well as be a recognized expert in the field of oral health. The candidate should be a team player and have experience on a journal editorial board(s), a proven track record of publications in high-quality journals, excellent leadership and communication skills, with a good understanding of open-access publishing.

The candidate should have a passion for scientific publishing and be a strategic thinker with the vision to further the reach and impact of IDJ. They should also have an interest in emerging research trends with an extensive network/contacts within the public oral health, research and education communities worldwide, including experts in general and specialty areas of dentistry. The candidate must have the knowledge and commitment to drive best practices in peer-review processes and be aware of the latest advancements in scholarly publishing. They should have the network and foresight to bring new authors into the publication and operate under the highest ethical standards, as well as be committed to upholding FDI's values. Candidates with a keen interest in digital media tools and how they can be leveraged to extend the audience reach of IDJ, will be considered an asset.

The candidate should have a high level of English with at minimum a DDS, DMD degree, or equivalent, with a significant track record of academic research experience in oral health. An additional advanced degree in a relevant basic or applied science—a PhD, or equivalent is highly desirable.

## Main job duties and responsibilities

The Editor-in-Chief's responsibilities include developing the journal's content on an ongoing basis; soliciting, receiving, evaluating, and selecting all materials submitted for publication in a timely manner; appointing and working with an Editorial Board; and collaborating with the publisher to increase the journal's visibility, author submissions, and readership.

The main duties and responsibilities include:

- Oversee the mission and scope of the journal in consultation with the publisher and FDI leadership and make recommendations to improve its content, direction and reach as well as implement strategies to expand its scope to meet FDI's objectives.
- Appoint, manage, and monitor the performance of an Editorial Board that promotes diversity and inclusion as well as represents expertise in all major disciplines published in the journal.
- Appoint guest editors for any invited reviews or supplements, as necessary.
- Manage the peer-review process and screen all articles for their suitability for publication in IDJ and assign papers to reviewers who have the appropriate knowledge and skills to evaluate them.
- Ensure that the review process is completed in a timely way and that authors receive constructive feedback about their papers submitted.
- Be the final arbiter regarding the acceptance of papers when reviewers differ in their evaluations.
- Improve the speed of the review process and article lag time.
- Submit the manuscripts for each issue on time according to the schedule agreed upon with the publisher.
- Develop topics for potential special issues and/or supplements (which could be used to approach potential sponsors) and help secure at least one supplement per year.
- Grant waivers of the open access fee to authors pursuant to the publisher's waiver policy in place at the time the waiver is granted.
- Ensure the journal follows customary ethical policies for scholarly publishing.
- Handle and respond to all authors' issues/complaints.
- Identify, investigate, and address any ethical breaches of conduct by authors and reviewers, and manage any conflict-of-interest issues.
- Ensure that authors are treated with fairness, courtesy, objectivity, and honesty.
- Seek opportunities to promote the journal and encourage submissions as well as invite potential contributors to consider submitting papers to the journal.
- Recommend ways to improve IDJ and ensure an ever-increasing readership.
- Highlight any significant problems that might affect the quality or timely release of the journal.
- Collaborate with FDI's leadership on broader strategies and further development.
- Hold regular meetings of the editorial board and involve them in strategy implementation.

## Application process

Interested candidates should send a full curriculum vitae and a 2–3 page letter of intent describing their qualifications for this role, as well as their 3–6-year vision for the journal and how this can be achieved to: Mr Enzo Bondioni, FDI Executive Director: [ebondioni@fdiworlddental.org](mailto:ebondioni@fdiworlddental.org)

**Closing date for applications: 1 October 2021**