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## Editorial

### New Editor

*Dear Reader:*

Starting from the last month of August (2006), the *Journal of Applied Oral Science* has a new Editor. Dr. Carvalho passed his position to Dr. Carlos Ferreira dos Santos. Dr. Santos earned his DDS degree from Bauru School of Dentistry, University of São Paulo, in 1993. His interest in basic science led him to start his academic career in the field of Pharmacology, immediately after graduation. He obtained his MSc and Ph.D from the School of Medicine of Ribeirão Preto, University of São Paulo, in the years of 1997 and 2002, respectively. During the years of 2000 to 2001 he was a visiting graduate student at the Medical College of Wisconsin, WI, USA, where he developed several studies focusing on the molecular cloning and sequencing of the cDNA for rat mesenteric arterial bed elastase-2, an angiotensin II-forming enzyme. He is currently Associate Professor of Pharmacology at Bauru School of Dentistry, where he continues to teach and research on the localization of the renin-angiotensin system components to the rat gingival tissue. Additionally, Dr. Santos started a new area of studies with his undergraduate and graduate students on the postsurgical pain control in Dentistry.

The whole team of JAOS is enthusiastic with the new Editor and foresees a great deal of improvements in the journal in the near future. In continuation to previous plans, the new Editor will concentrate his efforts in transforming the entire submission and reviewing process from paper to online system. This will certainly facilitate the management of the articles, permitting authors and referees to follow the status of the submissions online. The expedition of the articles will be improved, making the journal even more attractive to contributors.

The JAOS team welcomes Dr. Santos and is confident that he will do a great job in making JAOS an even better journal at the service of Dental Research.