

Editorial

Dear Readers,

In this issue, besides excellent full papers from distinguished contributors, we proudly publish the abstracts of the works presented at the 20th Academic Conference of Bauru School of Dentistry “Professor Paulo Amarante de Araújo”, whose scientific coordinator and president were Dr. Carlos dos Reis Pereira de Araújo and Leonardo Vieira Lima Gregorio, respectively. This conference was held on May 23-26, 2007. Approximately 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students, clinicians as well as speakers attended this important event, and many of them showed their scientific and clinical works during oral and poster presentations. A special prize was awarded to the best research work and best case report whose first authors were undergraduate students. In order to achieve a fair evaluation, after the oral presentation, students discussed their works with the Editor-in-Chief and another member of the editorial board. I would like to emphasize the enthusiasm of these young investigators, who came from different states of Brazil. Therefore, besides the 290 abstracts, I also recommend the readers to carefully read the beautiful works by Anchieta *et al.* (p.321-6) and Machado *et al.* (p.327-33).

Clinical Trial Registration - International Standard Randomized Controlled Trial Number (ISRCTN)

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