My name is Rainer-Reginald Miethke—my friends call me Reggie—and I am most honored to have been named the new editor-in-chief of the World Journal of Orthodontics in this 10th anniversary year of the journal’s inception. Before I introduce myself in a bit more detail, I must acknowledge the work of my predecessors in this role: Dr Tom Graber and Dr Efthimia Basdra. I humbly thank them both for their past editorship of this wonderful journal.

Dr Graber, the founding editor of the WJO, can be likened to one of those adventurous pioneers of the West. He had a vision for a new orthodontic journal that would, in his inimitable words, be “top-quality, avant garde, and provide the latest and best clinical material by world-class authorities.” With a lifetime of experience and highly prestigious background in the profession already under his belt, Dr Graber considered this new territory as virgin soil. He took on the challenge with his own brand of energy and worked tirelessly to create a journal that now enjoys a worldwide reputation as the official publication of the World Federation of Orthodontists. Dr Graber has my greatest appreciation for this outstanding accomplishment.

Dr Graber left us orthodontists in 2007. There was talk that the WJO would not go on after his passing. But Dr Graber did not leave this world without considering who could best tend the wonderful garden he had sowed, and he asked Dr Basdra to carry on for him.

Dr Basdra generously accepted Dr Graber’s request and assumed not only the burden of the editorship per se, but an editorship with a demanding legacy. However, I would argue that no reader, including myself, could notice any change in the journal quality when she took over the reins. In short, Dr Basdra continued the quality work of her predecessor. Therefore, Dr Basdra, I and all the readers of WJO owe you the highest appreciation, as well.

There are big shoes in the editorial office of the World Journal of Orthodontics, and I will do my best to fill them. My appointment followed a unanimous decision of the Executive Committee of the World Federation of Orthodontists. It came as a surprise to me, being both a great honor and challenge at the same time.

You see my photograph on this page, along with a short biography. My hope by including the picture is that you will recognize and approach me whenever and wherever you have the chance, because I see an editor as first the servant of you, the subscribers. I am eager to know what it is you like/do not like about this journal and to hear your suggestions for making this exceptional journal even better. Let me know what topics you would like to see covered, perhaps in a special or dedicated issue. You can propose a new section in the journal or expansion of an existing one. There is an endless list of topics we could discuss and your editor would love this. So look at my photograph again and meet me at the next opportunity.

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