Time and space …

are two most valuable items. Wouldn’t you agree? I guess as far as time goes, everyone would concur. Time is a very perishable gift—as soon as you receive it, it is gone. You will get this present again and again because you can never keep it. You also cannot really buy time. Given that time is so irretrievable, it should be used and applied with utmost consideration. So, how does this relate to the World Journal of Orthodontics?

First of all, you, the distinguished readers of this journal, will notice that WJO editorials will no longer contain summaries of articles and will be restricted definitively to one page. This is to give you more time to read the interesting content of every issue of the World Journal of Orthodontics!

This brings me to the second aspect—space. I will never forget a statement by the president of the World Federation of Orthodontists, Prof Athanasios Athanasiou, in which he emphasized that journal space is most valuable and should never be wasted. I could not agree more. Every editorial should be to the point, but also every article in this journal should be presented as concisely as possible. This is simultaneously an appeal to WJO authors to please avoid redundancy in their articles in the interest of both time and space. I hope in this context that authors will understand when we take the liberty to edit papers down in size, if necessary. Our doing this is also in their best interest, as it will give us space to include more articles in each issue so we can publish articles more quickly.

This is easier said than done, however, because your World Journal of Orthodontics is in the favorable position of receiving many high-quality submissions, which leads to a remarkable backlog of accepted articles for this quarterly journal. This large backlog is not in WJO authors’ best interest and certainly not in that of up-to-date knowledge transfer.

I hope we can work together in this regard, as I think we all can agree that your time and our journal space indeed are commodities that... are most valuable.

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