

EDITORIAL



Welcome aboard . . .

ladies and gentlemen. This is your captain speaking. My name is Mr Smith. My first officer, Mr Meyer, and I invite you to sit back and enjoy your flight.

We usually hear something along these lines after settling into our seats on a plane. Such an announcement makes us feel comfortable because we subconsciously realize that if the senior pilot had a problem, the second in command could take over and the plane would still arrive at its final destination without any noticeable difference.

Not only do planes have this backup safety scheme, but so do cruise boats, trains, and other modes of transportation. What we can learn from this model is that demanding transport systems, such as those with high responsibility requirements, regularly have two individuals to guarantee a smooth delivery.



You might wonder what planes, boats, and trains have to do with the *World Journal of Orthodontics*? Well, this journal is also in a sense a system of transportation: It moves knowledge that impacts our minds and ultimately drives our clinical activities. This means that the knowledge thus delivered will determine in part how well we treat our patients, indeed how well we fulfill the oath of Hippocrates.

Oh, Hippocrates is a good keyword. The responsibility this journal demands has led us to invite someone else from Greece to help us maintain the high standards of *World Journal of Orthodontics*.

This person is Dr Moschos Papadopoulos, whom we introduce by way of a short biography below. Or would that mean to carry owls to Athens, as they say in my home country? Anyway, we are glad that you have joined our team,

. . . Dr Mike Papadopoulos

Moschos A. Papadopoulos, DDS, Dr Med Dent is associate professor and post-graduate program coordinator at the Department of Orthodontics, School of Dentistry, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece. He received his dental degree from the same university in 1986 and his doctorate degree (1988) and certificate in orthodontics (1990) from the University of Freiburg, Germany. Dr Papadopoulos has also served as research collaborator at the Department of Experimental Surgery, Swiss Research Institute, Davos, Switzerland.

Dr Papadopoulos is editor of the *Hellenic Orthodontic Review* and associate editor of *Stoma*. He is a member of the editorial board and serves as referee for many journals. He is also an active member of nine Greek and six international societies, federations, and unions. He is the recipient of several awards, including the A. Tsoukanelis Award of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki (1993), the Annual Scientific Award of the German Association of Plastic Surgeons (2004), and the Joseph E. Johnson Clinical Award of the American Association of Orthodontists (2009).

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