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Welcome to the Journal of Aligner Orthodontics

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Welcome to the new age of orthodontics, Aligner Orthodontics; welcome to the new era of digital orthodontics and welcome to our ever-growing aligner community.

Seven international aligner societies are already members of the Journal of Aligner Orthodontics (JAO). Promoting collaboration between JAO and national societies was highly desirable to facilitate the advancement in knowledge and further diffusion of scientific and educational contents.

Each member of the affiliated societies receives the magazine automatically and in each issue of JAO can report news from their own country. This will give readers valuable and interesting information on both national and international events.

The JAO, which will be the official journal of the European Aligner Society, the French Society for Aligner Orthodontics, the German Association for Aligner Orthodontics, the Japanese Academy for Aligner Orthodontics, the Moroccan Society for Aligner Orthodontics, the Swiss Society for Aligner Orthodontics and the Taiwanese Academy of Aligner Orthodontics, will be launched officially at the 2nd EAS Congress, from February 16th to 19th, in Venice, Italy. We would like to cordially invite you all to this event (for more information please visit www.eas-aligners.com).

Many countries, such as China and the USA, have not yet established an aligner society. We hope that the growing interest in the field of aligner orthodontics will make colleagues from these countries keen to subscribe and support our journal and enjoy the scientific and professional information we offer. We will continue to highlight interesting practical issues so that practitioners working with aligner technology can share their experience with colleagues.

We also encourage all readers to write an article using their practical knowledge, sharing experienced treatments and anything that might be helpful and useful when working with aligner systems – thus passing on their experience. Only in this way can we further develop our subject, the aligner orthodontics.

Of course, we will also continue to follow the scientific aspect of aligner orthodontics with great attention, as well as publishing research papers.

At this point we would like to thank Prof Dr med RR Miethke for his meticulous work with the review of summaries of publications – a great addition to this journal.

Although there is currently only one world leader in aligner orthodontics, we would like our journal to present the largest possible overview of all aligner systems.

The market is expanding enormously worldwide for the benefit of all of us as orthodontists. We want to share with you all the variability that the market still offers, including, for example, free-to-use treatment software that allows accurate virtual tooth movement for any orthodontist, and the development of new technologies for daily practice, e.g. intraoral scanning and 3D printing.

We look forward to keeping you, dear colleagues, up to date.

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