From Editor-in-Chief

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I retired from The Nippon Dental University School of Life Dentistry at Niigata at the end of 2017. I also stepped down as Editor-in-Chief of ODONTOLOGY. From 2001 to my retirement 2017, I served as Deputy Editor and Editor-in-Chief for 17 years. Before my appointment as Editor-in-Chief in 2003, my predecessor, Dr. Takeki Tsutsui, at present emeritus professor of The Nippon Dental University, immediately built the journal's credibility as a new international journal in the field of oral and maxillofacial sciences under his extraordinary management through indexing in PubMed/MEDLINE, beginning with 2003 issues. In 2006, ODONTOLOGY started to earn Impact Factor, Web of Science, Journal Citation Reports (JCR). The 2016 Impact Factor is 1.602 and 37th among the most influencing 90 journals in the category of Dentistry, Oral Surgery, and Medicine. Full-text article requests reached 33,874 in 2016. From last year, ODONTOLOGY begun to publish 4 issues per year. The journal has been continuously publishing high-quality

articles and disseminating influential information all over the globe. During my position as Editor-in-Chief, associate editors had helped me greatly. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the associate editors for their insightful suggestions and appropriate decisions. I also want to thank all referees for helpful comments in reviewing manuscripts. The board of directors of The Society of The Nippon Dental University is pleased to appoint Dr. Kazushi Imai, Deputy Editor, as the new Editor-in-Chief of ODONTOLOGY, effective January 1, 2018. He is the professor and chairman of the Department of Biochemistry, The Nippon Dental University School of Life Dentistry at Tokyo. I assure that he will show leadership as the Editor-in-Chief in developing higher reputation of the journal with providing scientific and clinic merit based on his distinguished career and professional capability.

Makoto Tsuchimochi, Editor-in-Chief (2003–2017).

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