



EDITORIAL

Meet the Founding Resident Ambassador: John M. Le, DDS, MD

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*On the road to academic surgery.*¹
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We are happy to continue adopting the best global publishing experience and traditions into the new year of 2022. To start off, we are honored to adopt the progressive tradition held by *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (PRS)* journal. As a phenomenal journal with more than 75 years of publishing developments, *PRS* serves as a trailblazer for the *Journal of Diagnostics and Treatment of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology*. The *PRS* Editorial Board founded the Resident Ambassador position in 2014 after an unofficial Resident Advisory Board (RAB) meeting of four residents at the 2013 Annual Meeting.² And now after 7 years, the *PRS* and *PRS Global Open* RAB includes more than 70 members across the world with six *PRS* and *PRS Global Open* Resident Ambassadors.² The RAB serves both *PRS* and their daughter journal – *Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Global Open (PRS Global Open)*.³

The key missions for the members of the RAB are to participate in three of five activities: (1) the *PRS* journal club on Facebook, (2) the *PRS* Grand

Rounds (a multipronged and multitopic live lectures with question-and-answer series)² via Facebook, (3) creation of *PRS* promoting videos on their own social media pages, (4) supporting *PRS* and *PRS Global Open* as a peer-reviewers, and (5) voting on the journal's social media pages.³

The search for a true leader to take on the role as the Founding Resident Ambassador for the *Journal of Diagnostics and Treatment of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology* was an uneasy task. After an extensive search, we are honored to start collaboration with an oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMS) resident from the state of Alabama in the United States of America. John M. Le, DDS, MD (Fig 1) and his colleagues in the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Alabama at Birmingham have made a serious impact on global OMS specialty.^{4–15} Moreover, their article contribution to our journal in 2020 made a huge influence by attracting an international community of readers to our journal, making us enormously proud. The masterpiece was dedicated to the use of zygomatic implants for restoration of complex nasal defects.¹⁵ Thereby, the current academic achievements and research activities of Dr. Le serves as a model for other OMS

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FIGURE 1. John M. Le, DDS, MD.

residents in training. In general, his clinical interests include, but is not limited to head, neck and oral oncology and reconstructive surgery.¹⁶

In our journal, the mission of the Resident Ambassador will be determined by Dr. Le as the Founding Ambassador and will be in-line the journal's aims & scope to attract a broad and diverse group of professionals around the globe.

To conclude, we would like to sincerely thank Dr. Le in accepting this role and welcome him into our continually evolving 5-year-old journal. We wish him all the best and look forward to the new year.

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