



Post Scriptum Editorial

Joining Forces of Two North American Associations

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In the 75 years of its existence, it has continued to grow along with the specialty to become the premier journal in its field.¹

—Daniel M. Laskin

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Readers of one of the most famous professional publications, the *Journal of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (JOMS)*, could notice that from January issue of 2020 the emblem of the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) on the cover page joined the emblem of the Canadian Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (CAOMS).

After the 77 years of *JOMS* existence, which included 4-step gradual evolution of its title,¹ the new journal's step included the joining efforts of two main professional non-profit organizations of the United States and Canada.

Till 2020, the Editorial Board page of the *JOMS* had one position, namely in the International Editorial Board section, for the professionals from Canada. During last 12 months, the position is led by David A. Walker,² DDS MS, FRCD(C), Dip ABOMS, FADSA who serves as Assistant Professor, University of Toronto and who made an enormous contribution

to the CAOMS.

Thanks to the new step, in January 2020 a new founding position appeared, CAOMS – *JOMS* Liaison, which is led by Carl Bouchard, DMD, MSc, FRCD(C) from Québec, Canada.² Term “Liaison” originated from French and now means a communication or cooperation which facilitates a close working relationship between people or organizations.³ Dr. Bouchard serves both as a reviewer of the *JOMS* during almost a full last 11 years, and an Associate Professor of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Laval University.⁴ Thus Dr. Bouchard, knowing all publication's traditions of the *JOMS* and carrying surgical experience of the francophone region of Canada, will definitely help journal to reach the new highs of impact factor number and potentiate the journal's science. Moreover, his experience as author in 26 English-/French-language publications (including 6 book chapters), which permanently make an impact on the global development of oral and maxillofacial surgery, will help to grow the *JOMS* and both associations.⁵

We deeply believe that fusion of traditions and advantages of two great communities on pages of one journal (with 2018 impact factor 1.781) shows a great example for other journals and will significantly potentiate the results and growth of the specialty.

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