

Then and Now

On June 11, 1986, at the annual scientific meeting of the European Academy of Craniomandibular Disorders, President Seymour Gross of the AACD and president Rudolph Slavicek of the EACD signed an agreement with Quintessence Publishing Company to establish a new scientific journal, the *Journal of Craniomandibular Disorders — Oral and Facial Pain*. The first editor-in-chief of the journal was to be Dr Harold T. Perry, Jr.

On February 10, 1992, at the first International Meeting of the American, European, Australian, Latin American, and Asian Academies of Craniomandibular Disorders, a journal name change was adopted. On January 1, 1993, with this issue, the journal officially becomes the *Journal of Orofacial Pain*. The past editorial concepts will continue under the new masthead: quality manuscripts rigidly reviewed by a minimum of three external referees.

These international academies of clinicians, clinical investigators, and scientists have an interesting and remarkable history dating back to 1975, when the visionary founders — Drs Harold Gelb, Leo Hoffman, Leonard Quitt, Irving Sheppard, Nathan Allan Shore, and Lawrence A. Weinberg — agreed that there was a need for an organization committed to the advancement of the diagnosis and management of craniomandibular disorders. Further, this association would promote and support the exchange of current technical and scientific information among the various authorities in the field. As a result of their discussion, the “American Academy of Craniomandibular Orthopedics” was constituted.

By 1981 the membership of this young and

vigorous Academy felt that it would better represent the advances in science and technology in this highly diverse field by changing the name to the “American Academy of Craniomandibular Disorders.” This latter institution demonstrated its additional commitment by encouraging and assisting our international colleagues in their development of the European, Australian, Asian, and Latin American academies. In these brief 16 years of scientific fellowship there truly has evolved an international body of scientists and clinicians that does not hesitate to react to their expanding area of clinical responsibility and care. The past and subsequent modifications in Academy and journal titles or identity serves as evidence that this international professional community effects change.

So, with gratitude to our founding fathers, and to our international membership, we expand and confirm our identity as a group of dedicated clinicians and investigators firmly committed to our original objective of caring for those who suffer from craniomandibular disorders and pain. The new name for the journal is an effort to encompass the interests and efforts of our total membership in today’s clinical and research milieu. Our original journal, just like a ship, sails on secure as before with only a name change.

Change lays not her hand on truth.

— Algernon Charles Swinburne
1837–1909

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