



Practical and diverse roles of *Journal of the Korean Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons*

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As we know, the *Journal of the Korean Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons* (JKAOMS) has been published since 1975 in Korean and English languages biannually or bimonthly. Now, with the hard work and charitable efforts of our Editor-in-Chief, it has been possible to develop our new updated Open Access and PubMed indexed publications, with the aim of providing worldwide access to the international maxillofacial surgery community.

For over forty years of its publication period, JKAOMS has provided tremendous basic and clinical knowledge, enabling the development and promotion of Korean Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (KAOMS). In the recent times, many members and international readers have expressed their wish to learn more information about academic processes from KAOMS.

For instance, not all members of the KAOMS are aware of the awards or prizes currently sponsored by the association. These are made known to the Congress participants every April. KAOMS has several popular awards including the Young Researcher, the Best Scientific Researcher, the Author with the Maximum Citations, and the Best Contributor; these are awarded annually. However, most members and readers are not informed about this. Clarity of information in this regard will induce an academic insight and will provide new opportunities especially to young specialists who have gained their title recently, regardless of their units or departments.

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We can also establish a dedicated editorial section for honorable retirees or honorable deceased members. Last year, we lost our respected Professor Jae-Ha Yoo due to the sudden aggravation of his malignant disease; however, we did not have any memorial announcement even in the JKAOMS. He made multiple contributions to the KAOMS and was the best author of this journal. In a memorial or appreciation session, we could gather many condolences from our readers and guests.

With prompt announcements, we can draw the attention and generate interest in the forthcoming educational activities. Memorials for recently deceased surgeons, who have been members of KAOMS or a dedicated editorial at the retirement age of Professors, should also be included. We can also consider changing the present format that includes original articles, technical strategies, editorial, and case reports. Sections such as perspective, images in maxillofacial clinic, topic or featured video session, and featured reviews of the present socio-medical issues, such as HPV vaccination, Zika virus, and changed administrative regulations for the oral and maxillofacial surgeons can be included. In specific, multimedia or video sessions can be considered for inclusion. Well-adjusted and high-quality videos with a smart narration of open access featured articles can also be made in the three-dimensional virtual reality format in the near future.

Regarding the specific fields of oral and maxillofacial surgery, designated sections including Malignancy, Esthetics, Orthographic, Trauma, and Tissue engineering would be also marked together. As it is the representative journal of KAOMS, a major part of the individual fields can also be used to advertise for congresses, meetings, or symposiums, such as our 3-4 oral cancer case presentation meetings, oral cancer theme, cadaver workshop, academic august colloquium of KAOMS, winter workshop on implants, and others. For the case report sections, stricter and more careful evaluation of

the first academic report can be done to include rare cases with new management technique and endemic or race-specific reports; these can be recommended together. Thus, balanced clinico-academic papers will be reported in JKAOMS, and not those depending on the current trends of the commercial medical market or those that are favored by fund-based research.

In addition, as ours is an international journal, it is essential to recommend important congresses or meetings bimonthly. Details of all relevant academic meetings or congresses including those on cleft lip and palate, maxillofacial plastics and reconstruction, orthognathic surgery, tissue engineering, local anesthesia and pain, sleep apnea, esthetic facial surgery, and multiple implant related associations could be included.

Moreover, the website should include a page or a section that provides a listing of all available opportunities and clinical positions for specialists. This small career-openings section will enable more frequent visits to the website and

will contribute to the making of an open and clear commercial medical market. All members of KAOMS, including all readers and online site visitors from all over the world, could be the main managers of JKAOMS. Not only can we have editors or invited authors, but any relevant clinician or researcher could also be invited to participate in the journal's longevity plans.

The real and practical roles of JKAOMS, not only for the Science Citation Index (SCI) but also for the welfare of its readers, will be continued. By doing so, other benefits, such as frequent online access, increased downloads with citations, and a natural index that is more valuable than the SCI, could be achieved in near future.

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