



The AAPD welcomes Steven M. Adair as the new Editor-in-Chief, effective with the release of the July/August issue.

A Job Well Done

This is the last of 42 issues edited by AAPD Editor-in-chief Dr. Milton Houpt, whose 7-year tenure comes to an end. Over that span, Dr. Houpt has overseen the publishing of the best scientific, clinical, and review articles from more than 950 manuscripts that were submitted to the journal. This includes the management of 2 special issues devoted to the AAPD's 2003 Consensus Conference on Restorative Dentistry and the recent Behavior Management Conference/Workshop. He has served as a great ambassador for pediatric dentistry by representing the AAPD, the journal and the specialty at numerous scientific meetings worldwide.

During Dr. Houpt's tenure, the journal has undergone a number of changes. Modifications in format and the "look" of the journal have improved readability and conserved space, allowing for more content in the same number of pages. The Clinical Section was also introduced under Dr. Houpt's guidance, and has proven to be a popular addition. He has also provided us with thought-provoking, enlightening, and challenging editorials—all of which offered us food for thought. Even in the last few months of his tenure, when he could have comfortably rested on his laurels, Dr. Houpt continued to foster improvements, as evidenced by the online survey he developed. The purpose of the survey is to garner input from AAPD members on several aspects of *Pediatric Dentistry* and the *Journal of Dentistry for Children*. If you have not yet offered your

opinions, please log on to the members-only section of the AAPD Website, www.aapd.org, and complete the survey. Data from our readers will be important to me, as I transition into the position of editor-in-chief after this issue.

Pediatric Dentistry has been blessed with great leadership since its inception—Steve Wei, Ralph McDonald, Paul Casamassimo, and Milt Houpt. They are humbling and daunting acts to follow. As a result of their collective direction, *Pediatric Dentistry* is now a mature journal, one not in need of dramatic changes. Rather, I look forward to instituting incremental changes based on our readers' comments and the editorial board's suggestions, to maintain *Pediatric Dentistry's* position as the premier journal for the specialty.

Milt, thank you for your help and guidance during this transition period. I am sure I speak for all our members when I say thank you for your service as editor-in-chief—a job well done indeed!

Steven M. Adair, DDS, MS
Editor-in-chief Designate

Readership Survey

Readers are invited to submit their comments and constructive suggestions in regard to the journals. Log on to the members only section of the AAPD Website, www.aapd.org, and spend 5 minutes responding to the readership survey for both *Pediatric Dentistry* and *Journal of Dentistry for Children*. Your personal views are welcomed.