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Editorial

Dear Readers,

It is with a great satisfaction that we start the year of 2008 bringing news about our online submission system launched on November 1, 2007. International and Brazilian contributors have been successfully submitting their works. Reviewers all over the world have been evaluating many of the submissions and expressing their opinions. Undoubtedly we can already notice a speed up of the reviewing process, which will benefit especially the contributors.

The year of 2008 is extremely important to the Journal of Applied Oral Science (JAOS). The journal will be evaluated for possible inclusion in important databases. It is our hope that the efforts to start the online submission system will be taken into account since it represents a powerful tool to attract international contributors, one of our main goals.

We keep on encouraging potential contributors to submit their works through our online submission system at <http://submission.scielo.br/index.php/jaos/login>. Contributors and reviewers are more than invited to send their opinions, suggestions, questions or comments to us (jaos@usp.br).

Our whole team wishes everyone an excellent year.

With our best regards,

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