

I H A V E A D R E A M

Preface

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I have a dream..., these simple words, which created a vision that all too soon became the orphan of their martyred author, the Reverend Martin Luther King, have reverberated vigorously in the recent American presidential election.

In our old Europe, Yves BARAT, also had a wonderful dream, admittedly more modest than King's, that he shared with the first editors of the *Revue d'Orthopédie Dento-Faciale*, and with its readers as well. Chief of the journal's board of editors, Yves had a generous vision that enabled him to make talented and devoted contributions for four decades to the revue you are today holding in your hands. More than just a cultivated man of letters who had the grace to say *thank you* when others would have contented themselves with an *au revoir*, Yves is above all a man of infinite gentleness always available to his friends and co-workers. May he know that we all send him our heartiest thanks in return.

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Did you enjoy the special issue on *Posture*? Would you like more of the same? We are pleased to welcome in this *varia* three new articles that explore

the vast field of the relationships between orthodontics and posture.

Isabelle Gault explains for us how to integrate a succinct postural assessment into our clinical examinations and suggests what attitude we should adopt when we discover during the course of orthodontic treatment that one of our patients has a postural problem, especially when it is scoliosis.

Pierre-Henri Dupas *et al.* describe for us their approach to dealing with craniomandibular malfunctions in dentofacial orthopedics. After reviewing the etiology of the malady, they indicate its major clinical signs and show us how to go about making a postural diagnosis.

During the course of the discussion that Frédéric Marquet had with her Maryvonne Fournier provides us with a synthesis of her thinking and emphasizes the importance of myo-functional re-training exercises for the tongue within the framework of correcting the over-all posture of patients.

Because readers of articles devoted to clinical practice like to have them enriched with a varied iconography, the next two authors have added abundant illustrations to their presentations.

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Jacques Faure reveals to us the lessons he learned from treating his patient Sarah. He heartily advises us not to be tempted to accept a surgical solution prematurely while at the same time urging us to distinguish between the respective roles that structure and function play in the etiology of our patients' deformities.

Michel Amoric outlines for us his conception of the usefulness of individualized Universal Positioners

through the presentation of a malocclusion treated primarily with this approach.

And as a concluding gem, the Revue d'ODF has asked Frédéric Bonnin to review the legal and ethical aspects of the re-cycling of medical devices such as orthodontic attachments that were designed for a single use.

Enjoy your reading and have a wonderful New Year!

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