

## MESSAGE FROM THE GDA PRESIDENT

" If at first you don't succeed, try, try and try again (because) perseverance overcomes difficulties". I sound, perhaps, like an old grandfather talking to or motivating his young grandson who is struggling to find his feet in life. That may well be true, with regards to the Ghana Dental Association and its professional journal! The Ghana Dental Association has had a few earlier attempts at publishing and sustaining a professional journal. The spirit has been very willing but unfortunately, the flesh has been very weak - to put it mildly.

But that is all behind us now. As I see it, the success of the journal cannot be in doubt *now* because not only is the entire membership of the Ghana Dental Association thirsting for a professional mouthpiece, but also, equally important, we *now* have among us that caliber of academicians and scientists who can make any professional journal proud and authoritative.

We are looking forward to a journal with contributions from all connected with Dentistry - - - Dental students, house officers, University Lecturers and Professors, the general private dental practitioners, Hospital Dentists, members of the Para dental association, the pharmaceutical industry and other organisations with interest in dentistry and oral health in the country.

Unlike earlier attempts, there are *now* very good reasons to feel very hopeful and excited about our new journal. I invite you all to join me in wishing the new Ghana Dental Association Journal every success. May it entertain us, teach us, inspire us and help us to improve ourselves and the quality of our services.

Long live the Ghana Dental Association Journal.

Thank you.

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