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The International Journal of Oral Science (IJOS) has re-launched on nature.com as a fully open access title. Co-published by Nature Publishing Group (NPG) and the West China School of Stomatology, Sichuan University (WCSS), *IJOS* is available at **www.nature.com/ijos**. *IJOS* is published weekly as papers are accepted, while print issues continue to be produced every quarter.

Backed by the premier oral science research group in China, *IJOS* has been published since 2009 by the WCSS. *IJOS* received its first Impact Factor in 2011 and is indexed in PubMed. *IJOS* content is now open access, so articles are freely available online immediately on publication, published under Creative Commons licenses. An article-processing charge will be levied per article accepted for publication.

IJOS provides comprehensive coverage on the foremost findings of basic and clinical research relating to oral science. The journal seeks to publish original, high quality, peer-reviewed papers including Original Articles and Reviews, as well as Clinical Studies, Letters to the Editor and Case Reports. Submission of papers on all aspects and sub-specialties of oral science and related interdisciplinary fields is encouraged.

The co-editors in chief are Professor Zhou Xue-dong and Professor Wang Cun-yu. Professor Zhou is the Chief Scientist and Director of the State Key Laboratory of Oral Diseases and Dean of the West China School of Stomatology, Sichuan University. Professor Wang is the No-Hee Park Endowed Professor and Chair at the Division of Oral Biology and Medicine, School of Dentistry, University of California at Los Angeles. He also serves as Honorary Professor at the University of Hong Kong, and Lecturing Professor at Peking University.

"We are delighted to commence our publishing partnership with NPG," said co-editor in chief Professor Zhou Xue-dong. "Our aim is for the journal to continue to be a highly respected and trusted resource of leading knowledge in oral science and to promote worldwide academic exchange, especially for the Asian and pan Pacific area. Working with NPG will allow us to fulfil these aims to their best potential."

The title joins NPG's stable of academic journals focusing on oral science, including the *British Dental Journal*, *Vital* magazine and *Evidence-Based Dentistry*.

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About West China School of Stomatology, Sichuan University

The West China School of Stomatology, Sichuan University is regarded as the birthplace of modern dental education and training in China. Over the past 100 years, the School has won the admiration of dental researchers and professionals worldwide. The School is progressing rapidly in dental education and academic research, and for 20 years has been placed at the top of the Chinese national rankings of dental schools.

West China Hospital of Stomatology was formed in 1907 and is the first stomatological hospital in China. With an area of 53,000 square meters for clinical treatment, the hospital houses 350 dental units and 260 beds. The hospital now provides first-class dental services to around 400,000 patients annually and performs 40,000 operations every year.

West China School of Stomatology, found in 1917, is the first school of dentistry in China. Founders of most distinguished dental institutes across the country were graduates from the school. The school has been continuously listed at the top of the Chinese National Discipline Ranking for the past 20 years.

Sponsored by WCSS, State Key Laboratory of Oral Diseases (SKLOD) is the first and only of its kind dedicated to scientific research in oral science in China. *IJOS* has been entitled the official publication of SKLOD. This research base occupies an entire first-class modern building and is facilitated with advanced research equipment. It has attracted plenty of prominent researchers from both home and abroad. At SKLOD different groups focus on the frontier research including but not limited to: oral and maxillofacial oncology, cariology, oral microbiology, oral inflammation and infection, dental stem cells and regenerative medicine, dental material, oral biomechanics, dental implantology and genetics.

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