

This issue of the journal is dedicated to Professor, dr.odont. *Jens Jørgen Pindborg* to honor him on the occasion of his 60th birthday, August 17, 1981. The Foundation ACTA ODONTOLOGICA SCANDINAVICA unanimously agreed to divert from its usual policy of not devoting special issues to any one individual – in recognition of the fact that unusual decisions must be made in unusual situations. Colleagues and friends of Dr. Pindborg were invited to present a paper on this occasion.



Professor Jens Jørgen Pindborg completed his dental education in 1943 and received his research doctorate (dr.odont. degree) in 1950. Having served in a number of positions in several departments at the Royal Dental School in Copenhagen and abroad, including a Fellowship from the NIDR at the University of Illinois, he was appointed Professor and Chairman, Department of Oral Pathology in 1959. He is also Head, Dental Department, University Hospital, Copenhagen.

Professor Pindborg is internationally renowned for his scientific achievements in oral histopathology, particularly in the area of odontogenic tumors and precancerous lesions. He holds several W.H.O. appointments related to the recording, classification and treatment of such conditions. For his contributions to science, Dr. Pindborg has received honorary doctoral degrees from Sweden (Karolinska Institutet, Stockholm, 1973; University of Lund, 1974), Norway (University of Oslo, 1976), South Africa (University of Witwatersrand, 1976), and Scotland (University of Glasgow, 1979).

He has also been named honorary member of several national dental societies. Dr. Pindborg has been invited as a scientific consultant/visiting professor to a number of countries, including Israel, India, Brazil, Columbia, New Guinea, Afghanistan, Burma, Indonesia, Thailand, Uganda and Sudan. He has also served on a number of national and international committees, including the Danish Medical Research Council (Chairman 1976–77). He has world-wide lecturing experience covering all five continents.

Professor Pindborg has been very actively engaged in editorial work. Having authored/coauthored more than 250 papers and 16 textbooks, he has acquired an expertise in oral biology which makes him superbly qualified as an editor. He is Editor-in-Chief of the Danish Dental Journal (since 1962), Scandinavian Journal of Dental Research (since 1970), International Journal of Oral Surgery (1972–1975), and Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology (since 1973) – in addition to serving on the editorial boards of a number of dental journals.