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When I was asked by Mr Christian Rasse of Quintessence Publishing to write a book on ridge augmentation, I did not hesitate to say yes. I felt that so much to say to my colleagues, and that the best platform to say it would be this book. However, it took me about 2 years to think about what I exactly wanted to say, and to prepare for the actual writing. Now that the book has been published, I feel that I still have a lot more to say. Despite that, I am very satisfied with the book, believe it may solve clinicians many headaches, and wish those who had given me a book like this 15 years ago, when this had happened, I would have better cases today. I hope that through using some of the information contained in the book you will have better cases tomorrow.

The goal has always been to achieve the best outcome for each patient. Very early on I started to discuss, organize, and critically analyze the cases performed. For each case, I was careful to select a surgically sound, scientifically proven treatment option. At the same time, I focused on the development of minimally invasive, simple, and predictable treatment options. A good example of this is the "stage technique"TM, described in Chapter 11 of

this book. The scientific justification and publication of the techniqueTM has always been kept confidentially throughout its development, and after its publication regarding its clinical stability and predictability, having been well received in the orthodontic literature.

Of course, we would always prefer better and better cases for application of this exceptional pattern improving our understanding correspondingly. In fact, I agree that the best treatment is in "good hands". I agree that the best treatment is in "good hands".

I think that in reconstructive surgery there are three important follow-up definitely 3 months, 5 years and 10 years. It is important to aesthetic before you can recognize changes in your patients' dentition.

What did I learn from writing this book? How would I better serve tomorrow? Which place could I have more influence on? I think that the answers to these questions might be the most important resource of this book, and am certain that without the "Lessons Learned" sections, which follow on from each case, the reader would take much