

# Editorial

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## Intellectual Property Rights

*This note is hereby directed for not merely satisfying the invitation as honored by respective Editor-in-Chief but for acquaintance of the subject to my fellow mates, which seems to me as anticipated future.*

Greetings!

Intellectual property (IP) is a legal entity which deals with the creative events of human intellect. There are certain exclusive rights subjected to individuals who foster such properties using their creative capacity. Although, the existence of such legal rights has been depicted since ages but in dentistry the existence of same has not flourished much among dental professionals. However, the existing firms capacitive enough to supply materials to the fraternity do have noteworthy appreciable properties, which have been in the market for regular use. But, the individualization has not yet been a revolutionary subject for the field of debate.

There are several types of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), the list of same are as follows:

- Patents
- Copyrights
- Trademarks
- Trade-related Intellectual Property Rights
- Geographical Indicators
- Farmer Rights on Plant Varieties
- Industrial Designs

Of the above-mentioned legal terminologies, the first three in list is of concern to dental professionals. As a part of introduction, defining terms *viz* Patents, Copyrights and Trademarks would be a wise scripting craft. This would even explore the understanding of readers and for some it may be a first realization. To move ahead, we would define these terms to leave a portion in your court, which then would either help you to establish interest or disinterest, where the decision would be yours for further conceptual development.

**Patents:** These are negative rights incurred upon an individual/inventor for his invention, which refrain other to make, buy, sell, import or offer to sale respective product.

**Copyrights:** It protects the expression of literary or artistic work. Protection arises automatically giving the holder the exclusive right to control reproduction or adaptation.

**Trademark:** A trademark is a distinctive sign which is used to distinguish products/services of one business from others. Trademarks are often closely linked to various brands or may be of different products of same brands.

I have already dealt with whatever I could in few lines and would like to end the literature with a beautiful quote by Winston Churchill to cite an impression for which this is meant.

*'Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.'*

— Winston Churchill

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