The year 2015 has been a significant year for child-centred dental research with the 25th congress of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry held on the scientific theme of ‘The voice of the Child’. As an advocate for children’s engagement in oral health research, I was delighted to be asked to act as guest editor on this special issue of the *International Journal of Paediatric Dentistry.* My hope was to bring together a body of work to complement the IAPD conference theme and to further acknowledge the importance of this area of research. I have worked closely with Professor Chris Deery, the Editor-in-Chief, to ensure that this issue contains papers of high scientific impact from leaders in this field from around the world. While the papers within the issue represent different disciplines (paediatric dentistry, dental public health, health economics, psychology and sociology) and employ different study designs (systematic reviews, cross-sectional and longitudinal quantitative studies and qualitative explorations) the central theme running through them all is the unique insights gained from involving children themselves. Together they demonstrate the importance and benefits of involving children in dental research and provide guidance for researchers new to this area. These benefits not only relate to improvements in children’s oral health and treatment experiences, but bring more meaningful insights and rewards for the researchers and young participants themselves.

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