**AADR Steps to Assist Meeting Delegates for 2018 AADR/CADR Annual Meeting Affected by U.S. Travel Restrictions**

The American Association for Dental Research (AADR) recognizes the negative impact on scientific conference attendance of Presidential Proclamation 9645, which puts U.S. entry restrictions and limitations into effect for Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Somalia, Syria, Venezuela and Yemen. Specifically, this Proclamation is expected to impact the ability of our members and presenters who travel on passports from the included countries to attend the AADR/CADR Annual Meeting, March 21-24, 2018 in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

In recognition of the disadvantageous impact this order has on our members, AADR aims to address the ramifications of this Proclamation in the following ways to support our members, minimize financial hardships and ensure the exchange of scientific information. Specifically:

I. Any registered delegate unable to attend the meeting due to denial of entry to the United States based on the Proclamation may notify AADR by March 9, 2018 at registration@iadr.org for a full refund of their meeting registration fee.

II. If the delegate is also a presenter, he/she will:

   a. Be allowed to display their poster (if a poster presentation) at their allotted time if the presenter is able to ship the poster, have it printed locally, or send it with another delegate;
   b. Be permitted to have a registered co-author or other registered delegate present the poster or oral session even if the new presenter is already presenting;
   c. Have the option – if they do not wish to have their poster displayed or oral session presented by another delegate – of having a sign or slide stating, “This science could not be presented due to Presidential Proclamation 9645”;
   d. Have the option to withdraw their abstract in order to present at another meeting; and
   e. Have their presentation number and abstract remain in the final program for purposes of their curriculum vitae and citations.

III. If the delegate is also a presenter and in an awards competition, AADR is offering the option for the presenter to compete via videoconferencing technology. This must be arranged in advance through registration@iadr.org by March 9, 2018.

IV. Any delegate affected by the Presidential Proclamation will have free access to the IADR/AADR Knowledge Community for access to any of the recorded sessions from the meeting. If you are a registered delegate and unable to attend the AADR/CADR Annual Meeting due to denial of entry to the United States due to the Proclamation, please contact registration@iadr.org immediately to make the above arrangements.

**AADR regrets the disruption to science the Proclamation has caused.**