

IADR/AADR Steps to Assist Meeting Delegates Affected by U.S. Executive Order Signed on January 27, 2017

On January 27, 2017, the U.S. president signed an Executive Order (EO) prohibiting entry into the United States for immigrants and nonimmigrants from Iran, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Somalia and Libya for 90 days. This EO has a direct impact on our members and presenters from these countries (even if they already obtained visas and went through a rigorous visa interview process) in that they will be unable to attend the IADR/AADR/CADR General Session in San Francisco, California, scheduled for March 2017. The IADR/AADR/CADR General Session is the largest scientific conference in the world for dental, oral and craniofacial researchers to share, connect and learn more about the latest dental and craniofacial research findings.

IADR/AADR issued a [statement](#) expressing our strong opposition to this Executive Order urging Congress and the Administration to rescind it immediately.

In recognition of the detrimental and sudden impact this order has on our members; IADR/AADR propose to address the ramifications of this EO in the following ways to continue to support our members, minimize financial hardships and ensure the exchange of scientific information. Specifically:

1. Any registered delegate who is unable to attend the meeting due to the EO and notifies IADR by March 15, 2017 at registration@iadr.org, will receive a full refund of their meeting registration fee.
2. If the delegate is also a presenter, they will;
 - a. be allowed to display their poster (if 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 allowed 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 the U.S. Executive Order signed on January 27, 2017*”,
 - 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.
3. If the delegate is also a presenter and in an awards competition, IADR is offering the option for the presenter to compete via Skype technology. This must be arranged in advance through registration@iadr.org.
4. Any delegate affected by the EO 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 IADR/AADR/CADR General Session due to the EO, please contact registration@iadr.org immediately to make the above arrangements.

We regret the disruption to science the EO has caused.