International Association for Dental Research

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II. Financial Report

- Amount of Group dues per member: $61.00
- Fund balance as of last annual report: $15,474.33
- Total Income: $14,56.00
- Total Expenditures: $8,34.12
- Current Fund Balance (as of 8/1/2006): $15,474.00
III. Membership Report:
We currently have 143 members in the group. Just over half (74) are based in the USA with the rest mostly in Europe and Canada but also with good representation from Japan. 33 are student members. Membership of the group is stable.

IV. Summary of 2005-2006 Activities:
The last year has been busy and successful one for GORG. The membership continues to be healthy and we continue to have a strong showing at IADR meetings. The organization of the executive underwent some restructuring after the general session in Baltimore, as personal circumstances meant that the vice president was unable to take up her post as president elect. We held a series of elections throughout the year to restructure the group.

The major event to report is that in summer 2005 IADR received, via IADR central office, a letter from the WHO following their position paper on oral health for older people. This specifically enquired about the Association’s commitment to research in this area. The IADR chief executive passed the query on to the GORG president. The response from the group has been rapid and effective, triggering a series of events which we hope will take research into the oral health of older people forward on a global scale. The perception of the executive was that the focus of the group required a greater global view. We were already taking steps to ensure a broader geographical representation on executive, but in order to reset the research agenda we led a jointly sponsored symposium with WHO at the IADR general session in Brisbane. This reviewed the global agenda for oral health research for older people, with contributions from WHO and speakers addressing issues such as oral cancer prevention, caries and quality of life. In order to develop the agenda in more detail, the GORG executive, with very generous sponsorship from Colgate, ran a follow up workshop to develop the detailed research priorities in a range of areas. The latter meeting was attended by a broad range of leading oral health researchers and a range of priorities have been identified and outlined. These will be published in due course. In order to maintain the momentum in this area, IADR and WHO are now in the process of releasing a joint statement as a call for action. In addition to the symposium with WHO, GORG had a strong showing at the General Session in Brisbane, with several co-sponsored symposia and workshops as well as a very well attended oral session and poster sessions. The number of abstracts submitted for Brisbane remained stable at around 40.

V. Planned Activities for 2006-2007:
GORG has an accepted symposium for the New Orleans meeting titled 'Frail Older Adults, Dementia and the Failing Dentition', which is co-sponsored by the Prosthodontics and Nutrition groups. This symposium will further build upon the collaborative work commenced with the WHO in Brisbane, 2006. Release of a joint statement with WHO is planned for 2006-2007.

GORG also has 3 accepted Lunch and Learn sessions for New Orleans on a broad range of geriatric dental topics: Saliva as a Diagnostic Tool for Monitoring Health and Disease in Geriatric Populations; Sjögren's Syndrome - Diagnosis, Oral Manifestation, Treatment and Current Research, and What is the Evidence for Amorphous Calcium Phosphates?
VI. **Hot Research Topics:**
- Effectively transfer knowledge in a real life environment of patients, clinicians and commissioners
- Materials that minimize plaque development
- Novel hygiene devices and approaches to cleaning
- Diagnostics, including salivary diagnostics, aimed at older people
- Oral health - General health interactions (including knowledge transfer)
- Economic models to manage health care for older adults
- Wellness measurement tools