1. **Welcome and Opening Remarks** (Evanthia Lalla)
   The President, Prof. Evanthia Lalla, welcomed the members and thanked the PRG Officers for all the work done during the last 9 months.

**Minutes of last meeting**  The minutes from the 2014 PRG ABM are available online at: [http://www.iadr.org/files/Groups/PRG_Minutes2014.pdf](http://www.iadr.org/files/Groups/PRG_Minutes2014.pdf)

2. **Announcement of PRG Officers for the last year and the forthcoming year** (Evanthia Lalla)

   The Office Bearers for 2014/2015 were:

   - President: Evie Lalla, New York, USA
   - President Elect: Andreas Stavropoulos, Malmö, Sweden
   - Secretary: Axel Spahr, Sydney, Australia
   - Treasurer: Alpdogan Kantarci, Boston, USA
   - Councilor: Panos Papapanou, New York, USA
   - Group Program Chair: Iain Chapple, Birmingham, UK
   - Immediate Past President: Shinya Murakami, Osaka, Japan
   - Corporate Liaison: Jack Spitznagel, Baltimore, USA

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   - President: Andreas Stavropoulos, Malmö, Sweden
   - President Elect: Axel Spahr, Sydney, Australia
   - Secretary: TBD
   - Treasurer: Alpdogan Kantarci, Boston, USA
   - Councilor (IADR): Iain Chapple, Birmingham, UK
   - Councilor (AADR): Alpdogan Kantarci, Boston, USA
   - Group Program Chair: Philip Bredshaw, Newcastle, UK
   - Immediate Past President: Evie Lalla, New York, USA
   - Corporate Liaison: Jack Spitznagel, Baltimore, USA

   The candidates for the position of Secretary – this year to be elected from the South American Regions – were announced and all PRG members present at the Business Meeting were invited to vote for the candidate of their choice

   a. Guiseppe Romito, Sao Paulo, Brazil
   b. Magda Feres, Sao Paulo, Brazil
   c. Gustavo Garlet, Sao Paulo, Brazil
3. **Presidents’ report** (Evanthia Lalla)
The 2015 keynote address was given by Dr. Dana Graves, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, USA. The title of the presentation was “Osteoblasts Play Central Role in Pathogenesis of Periodontal Bone Loss”, and was held on Friday, March 13th 2015.

The 2015 IADR Distinguished Scientist Award for Basic Research in Periodontal Disease (supported by Colgate Palmolive Co) was conferred to Prof. Mark Bartold, University of Adelaide, Australia.

Prof. Mark Bartold will give the keynote address lecture during IADR 2016 in Seoul, Republic of Korea.

4. **Secretary’s Report** (Axel Spahr)
The secretary (A. Spahr) presented the following summary report:

a. PRG membership data.
A significant increase in total member number was seen in 2015 after the drop from 2011/2012 to 2014. This increase is attributed mainly to a gain in full members but also a rise in student members of the PRG. This increase reflects most probably the venue of the IADR General Session this year. Boston has attracted a large number of periodontal researchers including students and is easy accessible.

PRG membership data as of June 2015*:

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*Data as of March 12, 2015

b. Educational offers organized by the PRG

There were 15 Lunch & Learning sessions in 2015, most of them sold-out. The PRG gratefully acknowledged the contribution of all presenters.

**L&L**

Table #14: New Osteoimmunological Markers in Periodontal Pathophysiology, Anna-Christin Konermann (University of Bonn)

Table #15: Novel Engineered 3D Printed Scaffolds for Bone Repair, Hala Zreiqat (University of Sydney)
Table #16: Genetic Dysbiosis & Infectogenomics: Periodontitis – Chronic Diseases, Luigi Nibali (UCL Eastman Dental Institute)

Table #17: Will Proteins Replace Membranes I Periodontal Regeneration, Petter Lyngstadaas (University of Oslo)

Table #18: From Bench Top to Clonic: Biomaterials for Periodontal Regeneration, Richard Miron (University of Laval)

Table #19: Peri-implantitis treatment: Just Postponing the Disaster? Caspar Wohlfahrt (University of Oslo)

Table #20: Fibers and Minerals Orchestrate the Mechanics of a Periodontal Complex, Sunita Ho (University of California, San Francisco)

Table #21: Can signaling Proteins of fat cells promote periodontal regeneration? Janne Reseland (University of Oslo)

Table #22: Epidemiological Lessons learned from the Study of Health in Pomerania, Thomas Kocher (Universitätsmedizin Greifswald)

Table #23: In vitro Models to Simulate Oral Infections, Joerg Meyle (Justus-Liebig University of Giessen)

Table #24: Role of the Dental Epithelial Attachment in Causing Gingivitis, Martin Levine (University of Oklahoma)

Table #25: Systemic Dissemination of Periodontal Pathogens, Giuseppe Romito (Universidade de Sao Paulo)

Table #26: 3D Printing: Can we just Print Lost Periodontal Tissues in the Future? Luiz Bertassoni (University of Sydney)

Table #27: Lifestyle and Periodontitis, Johanne Kongstad (University of Copenhagen)

Table #28: Pregnancy induced Gingivitis: OMICS Approach, Mervi Gürsoy (Turku University, Institute of Dentistry)

5. GPC report (Ian Chapple)
The Group Program Chair, Prof. Iain Chapple, presented the following summary report:

a. In 2015, 5 symposia were sponsored or co-sponsored by the PRG.

- *Is Periodontitis Prevalence Declining? A Critical Appraisal*
Organizers: Thomas Kocher (Center for Dental, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Germany) and Birte Holtfreter (University Greifswald, Germany)
Wednesday, March 11, 3:15p.m. – 4:45p.m., Room 312

- Gums and Joints: The Perio/RA Paradigm – Causality or Coincidence?
Organizers: Ian Chapple (University of Birmingham, England, UK) and P. Mark Bartold (University of Adelaide, Australia)
Friday, March 13, 8:00a.m. – 9:30a.m., Room 101

- Effect of Aging on Gingival Tissue and Periodontal Disease
Organizers: Malgorzata Klukowska (Procter & Gamble, USA), Hatice Hasturk (Forsyth Institute, Boston, MA, USA), Dagmar Else Slot (ACTA, Amsterdam, Netherlands) and Evie Lalla (Columbia University, New York, NY, USA)
Friday, March 13, 10:45a.m. – 12:15p.m., Room 206

- Clinical Impact of Periodontal Research: The Legacy of Anne Haffejee
Organizers: Flavia Teles (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, USA) and Anna Bogren (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)
Friday, March 13, 3:30p.m. – 5:45p.m., Room 302

- The Mobile Oral Microbiome
Organizers: Alpdogan Kantarci (Forsyth Institute, Boston, MA, USA), Robert Genco (SUNY Buffalo, NY, USA) and Evie Lalla (Columbia University, New York, NY USA)
Saturday, March 14, 8:00a.m.– 9:30a.m., Room 207

Group Program Chairs 2014 – 2015:

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Starting with the 2015-2016 cycle, there will be some changes both in group program chairs as well as in abstract reviewers. Philip Preshaw will replace Ian Chapple as “Overall” program chair since Ian will now serve as “Councilor (IADR)”. Prof. Ian
Chapple announced that George Belibasakis will now replace Philip as group program chair Pathogenesis and Gustavo Garlet will serve as new abstract reviewer in the Pathogenesis Group.

**Group Program Chairs 2015 – 2016:***

- Philip Preshaw  Overall
- Thomas Dietrich  Diagnosis/Epidemiology
- George Belibasakis  Pathogenesis
- Ricardo Teles  Therapy

**Abstract Reviewers:**

- Thomas Kocher  Diagnosis/Epidemiology
- Kazuhisa Yamazaki  Diagnosis/Epidemiology
- Nagihan Bostanci  Diagnosis/Epidemiology
- Silvana Barros  Pathogenesis
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Details of abstract numbers regarding the 2015 Annual Meeting are shown in the following table:

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**6. Treasurer's Report** (Alpdogan Kantarci)

The Treasurer, Prof. Kantarci, delivered a summary of the financial situation for the PRG. Annual dues are currently $25.00 per member.

As of last annual report (12/31/13) the balance in the account was $13,221.20.
The current balance as of 12/31/14 was $30,048.87.

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### Income

- Dues | $13,651.36
- Registration/Banquet/Reception Fees | $0.00
- Contributions and Grants (Pending) | $5,000.00
- Investment & Interest Income | $0.00
- Other | $0.00
- Total Income | $28,631.56

### Expenditures

- Grants | $500.00
- Grants | $5,000.00
- Conferences, Conventions, Meetings, and Receptions - Social (catering, reception venue, etc) | $5,823.40
- Plaques | $325.36
- Total Expenditures | $11,803.89
- Current fund balance as of 12/31/14 | $30,048.87

#### 7. Councillor’s report (Panos Papapanou)

Prof. Panos Papapanou offered a brief report of issues discussed at the IADR Councilors’ meeting. He then informed members about an upcoming JDR Special Issue on STEM CELLS (submission date by April 30, 2015) and presented the following information on JDR:

- time from submission to first decision: 14 days
- time for revised submission: 10 days
- time from acceptance to online: 19 days
- time from acceptance to print: <90 days

Prof. Papapanou finally announced the winners of the following awards:

- Sigmund Socransky Young Investigator Award: Dr. Luigi Nibali, UCL Eastman Dental Institute, London, UK.
- Past Presidents’ Travel Award (sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Co): Dr. Matthew Mason, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, USA.

#### 8. Announcement of Prize Winners and presentation of awards

Prof. Chapple announced the winner of the Philips Oral Health Care Young Investigator Research Grant, which was Dr. Vanessa Tubero Euzebio Alves, Sao Paulo University, Brazil.
Prof. Lalla announced the winner of the IADR/Straumann Award in Regenerative Periodontal Medicine, which was Prof. Mariano Sanz, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain.

9. Announcement of the Results of Election of new secretary (Evie Lalla)
The President, Prof. Lalla, announced the results of the vote for the new secretary. Ballots had been distributed in the ABM and members present were asked to indicate their first preference. These were collected, counted, and scrutinized by the Secretary, the President Elect, and the Immediate Past President. The President announced that following the counting of all votes, Prof. Magda Feres, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, had been duly elected as the new secretary for 2015-2016.

10. New President’s Address (Andreas Stavropoulos)
The new President of the PRG, Prof. Stavropoulos, presented a recognition plaque to Prof. Evie Lalla and thanked her for all the work in the previous year, especially with re-organizing the PRG homepage, so that format is consistent and the information is updated. He also thanked the PRG Board, the abstract reviewers and all presenters and sponsors for their support, and congratulated the award recipients and newly elected Secretary.

Prof. Andreas Stavropoulos, during his Presidential Address, touching upon last years’ presidential address, pointed out that although supporting translational research and effective health promotion are important elements of PRGs' work, this work is a long-term process and extends beyond the 1-1.5 year of PRG presidency. He stressed thus out the need for finding financial means for supporting younger colleagues to carry on the work of PRG, since funding opportunities for the youngsters becomes increasingly more restricted and difficult to obtain. For example, this could be achieved by establishing registration fee and/or travel sponsorship for the providers of the L&L sessions of PRG, these being usually younger colleagues. Or by, establishing new awards to be distributed through the PRG.

Lastly, Prof. Andreas Stavropoulos invited all attendees for a drink and to mingle at the reception that traditionally follows the business meeting.

11. Future Meetings

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<td>2015, June 28 - July 3</td>
<td>Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (USA)</td>
<td>Penn Periodontal Conference</td>
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<td>2016, March 16-19?</td>
<td>Los Angeles, Calif. (USA)</td>
<td>45th Annual Meeting &amp; Exhibition of the AADR, 40th Annual Meeting of the CADR</td>
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<td>Seoul (Republic of Korea)</td>
<td>94th General Session &amp; Exhibition of the IADR, 3rd Meeting of the IADR Asia Pacific Region, 35th Annual Meeting of the IADR Korean Division</td>
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<td>San Francisco, Calif. (USA)</td>
<td>95th General Session &amp; Exhibition of the IADR, 46th Annual Meeting of the AADR, 41st Annual Meeting of the CADR</td>
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12. Other
Before adjourning the 2015 Business Meeting, Prof. Stavropoulos called for submissions for the 2016 IADR General Session in Seoul. Lunch & Learn ideas should be submitted to the Secretary and symposium ideas to the President and GPC.