



# IADR

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## Oral Medicine and Pathology Group (OMPG)

### NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the inaugural edition of our newsletter!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you all as the President of the IADR Oral Medicine Pathology Group (OMPG).

It was great catching up with many of you in Vancouver and let me briefly update you on new initiatives that I am working on in engaging our membership, increasing our visibility amongst the research community, internationally.

At the Vancouver AGM, we have decided to start an Oral Medicine and Pathology Group Award enabling a 'member' of the OMPG and also an OMPG Grant to a junior member/early career researcher to attend the IADR, stimulate engagement in OMPG and present scientific data in our scientific sessions. Further details will be available through emails and IADR OMPG Website shortly.

I am working with the IADR Central Office in establishing the following new initiatives: 1) OMPG Social Media (Twitter and Facebook at this stage) is getting ready for our members to interact and collaborate 2) A dedicated OMPG Website within IADR for the OMPG where the history of our group, reports and Newsletter are available for the membership.

Finally, sincere gratitude to our long serving (more than two decades!) treasurer and secretary, Professor Charles (Chuck) Schuler (Photo). OMPG presented Chuck with a certificate of appreciation at the Vancouver AGM. Very special thanks to the outgoing President, Dr Anwar Tapuni for her dedication and valuable service to OMPG.

I need your support to run this newsletter, please send me your research stories, significant research grants, publications and awards that you think is relevant to the group and worth sharing with our member community.

Raj Nair  
President, OMPG  
Newsletter Editor



# 2019 IADR DISTINGUISHED SCIENTIST AWARDS

## GRAHAM OGDEN:

### ORAL MEDICINE & PATHOLOGY RESEARCH AWARD

Graham Ogden, Dundee Dental Hospital & School, Scotland, was the 2019 recipient of IADR Distinguished Scientist Award in Oral Medicine & Pathology Research Award. Ogden was recognized at the Opening Ceremonies of the 97th General Session & Exhibition of the IADR, held in conjunction with the 48th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) and the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research (CADR). The IADR/AADR/CADR General Session & Exhibition is held at the Vancouver Convention Centre West Building in Vancouver, BC, Canada from June 19-22, 2019.

Ogden is the Chair in Oral Surgery at the University of Dundee, Scotland and Dean of the Dental Faculty in the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons in Glasgow, Scotland. He completed his Ph.D. on “cytoskeletal and nuclear morphology of normal and malignant oral epithelium” at the University of Dundee and his post-doctoral research focused on effect of alcohol on cell function and morphology. Since then, Ogden has published more than 100 peer-reviewed publications on the topic of oral cancer ranging from basic science to chair-side management.

For raising public awareness and contributions to professional education on oral cancer, Ogden received the 2012 Ian Stevenson Award for Public Engagement with Research in from the University of Dundee. Ogden won the Senior Colgate Prize in 1992 for his research on “oral exfoliative cytology” awarded by the British Society for Dental Research and represented the United Kingdom as participant at the IADR Hatton Awards in 1993.

One of the 17 IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards, the Oral Medicine & Pathology Research Award is one of the highest honors bestowed by IADR. The Award recognizes outstanding and sustained peer-reviewed research that has contributed to the understanding of the mechanisms governing the health and disease of the oral cavity and associated structures, principally encompassing skin, bone and the oral soft tissue. The award consists of a monetary award and a plaque.

## PETER LOCKHART:

### PHARMACOLOGY/THERAPEUTICS/TOXICOLOGY RESEARCH



Peter Lockhart, Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte, North Carolina, USA, received the 2019 IADR Distinguished Scientist Award in Pharmacology/Therapeutics/Toxicology Research. Lockhart was recognized at the Opening Ceremonies of the 97<sup>th</sup> General Session & Exhibition of the IADR, held in conjunction with the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) and the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research (CADR). The IADR/AADR/CADR General Session & Exhibition is held at the Vancouver Convention Centre West Building in Vancouver, BC, Canada from June 19-22, 2019.

Lockhart is currently the Chairman of the Department of Oral Medicine and the Director of the Oral Medicine Institute at the Carolinas Medical Center. Throughout his career, he received a World Health Organization Fellowship in Oral Medicine in the United Kingdom and a TC White Visiting Professorship at University of Glasgow, Scotland. Lockhart holds Fellowship in Dental Surgery diplomas from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

Lockhart's research focuses on oral medicine, particularly the dental management of medically complex patients. He has had funding for bacteremia research for over 25 years, most recently a five-year National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Dental and

Craniofacial Research R01 grant study concerning associations between oral disease and infective endocarditis. He has over 130 textbook chapters and peer-reviewed journal articles on topics such as oral cancer and side effects, xerostomia, treatments for oral disorders as well as oral aspects of medical conditions and infective endocarditis and its prevention when linked to dental treatments and the use of antimicrobial compounds and their possible side effects.

Supported by 3M Oral Care, the Pharmacology/Therapeutics/Toxicology Research Award is one of the 17 IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards and is one of the highest honors bestowed by IADR. The Award is made for outstanding and sustained peer-reviewed research that has contributed to our knowledge of the mechanisms, efficacy or safety of drugs used in dentistry and consists of a monetary award and a plaque.

## **NEWELL JOHNSON:**

### **GLOBAL ORAL HEALTH RESEARCH AWARD**



Newell Johnson, Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia, was the 2019 recipient of Global Oral Health Research Award. Johnson was recognized at the Opening Ceremonies of the 97<sup>th</sup> General Session & Exhibition of the IADR, held in conjunction with the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental Research (AADR) and the 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research (CADR). The IADR/AADR/CADR General Session & Exhibition is held at the Vancouver Convention Centre West Building in Vancouver, BC, Canada from June 19-22, 2019.

Johnson is a Professor Emeritus at Griffith University, Gold Coast, Australia and Emeritus Professor of Oral Health Sciences at King's College London, England. He has nearly 60 years' experience in basic and translational research worldwide. His research covers epidemiology, aetiology, pathogenesis, diagnostic markers and management of common and serious oral/head and neck diseases, particularly dental caries, periodontal diseases, head and neck cancer and HIV/AIDS.

Johnson has spent extensive periods performing field research in both crowded cities and in rural and remote parts of the country, in Australia, Sudan, Kenya, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Vietnam, Philippines and Colombia.

The Global Oral Health Research Award is supported by GlaxoSmithKline. One of the 17 IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards, it is one of the highest honors bestowed by IADR. The IADR Global Oral Health Research Award honors IADR and AADR Past President John Greenspan, who is the founding President of the IADR Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Network and the Consortium of Universities for Global Health's Global Oral Health Interest Group. The award consists of a monetary award and a plaque and recognizes research that addresses inequalities in global oral health.



## IADR Joseph Lister Award for New Investigator



Antonio L. Amelio, PhD, Division of Oral and Craniofacial Health Sciences, Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, Biomedical Research Imaging Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC, USA.

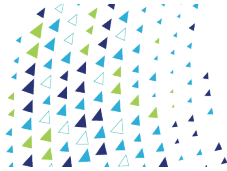
## 2019 AADR Hatton competition

Dr. Martinna Bertolini, a post-doctoral fellow mentored by Dr. Anna Dongari-Bagtzoglou at the University of Connecticut, won first place in the post-doctoral category at the highly competitive for her research titled 'Oral Bacterial Dysbiosis Promotes Invasive Oropharyngeal Candidiasis in Cytotoxic Chemotherapy'.

**AADR/Dentsply-Sirona SCADA competition**  
**(Basic Science Category)**



Alexandra Oklejas a third-year dual degree DDS/PhD graduate student at University of Michigan and winner of the AADR/Dentsply-Sirona SCADA competition. (Photo: Maria Ryan (left; AADR president), Alexandra Oklejas (middle), and Teresa Dolan (right; Chief Clinical Officer & Vice President of Dentsply). Email: [aoklejas@umich.edu](mailto:aoklejas@umich.edu))



## IADR – 2010

Please see below 2020 IADR/AADR/CADR general session proposal guidelines and deadlines.

**Symposium:** A cohesive session organized around a cutting-edge topic with about three to four speakers; typically 90 minutes in length unless approved otherwise. Approval of Group/Network sponsorship is required from at least one IADR Scientific Group/Network. Symposium submissions exhibiting a cross-collaboration between more than one Scientific Group/Network will be prioritized higher if accepted into the scientific program. IADR encourages not only collaboration within Groups/Networks, but with the greater scientific community.

**Hands-on Workshop:** A session organized with a “hands-on” application; typically 90 minutes in length unless approved otherwise. Approval of Group/Network sponsorship is required from at least one IADR Scientific Group/Network. Hands-on Workshop submissions exhibiting a cross-collaboration between more than one Scientific Group/Network will be prioritized higher if accepted into the scientific program. IADR encourages not only collaboration within Groups/Networks, but with the greater scientific community.

**New! Breakfast Breakthroughs:** A 45 minute informal discussion led by an expert on a topic of high interest over breakfast. These sessions are directed at students but all are welcome to sign up. Approval of Group/Network sponsorship is required from at least one IADR Scientific Group/Network. Breakfast Breakthrough submissions exhibiting a cross-collaboration between more than one Scientific Group/Network will be prioritized higher if accepted into the scientific program. IADR encourages not only collaboration within Groups/Networks, but with the greater scientific community.

**Satellite Symposium:** A cohesive session organized around a cutting-edge topic that will be scheduled before or after the 2020 IADR/AADR/CADR General Session official dates, March 18-21, 2020

Important Dates and Deadlines:

- July 8, 2019–Session Proposal Submission Site Opens
- September 13, 2019–Group/Network Sponsorship Approval Deadline
- September 27, 2019–Deadline to Submit a Session Proposal to System
- October 17, 2019–Notifications Emailed to Organizers
- January 15, 2020–Presenter Pre-registration Deadline

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Please send your research stories and ideas to improve our Newsletter to Raj Nair, [r.nair@griffith.edu.au](mailto:r.nair@griffith.edu.au)