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## **IADR Elects Satoshi Imazato as IADR Vice-president**

**Alexandria, VA, USA** – Members of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) have elected Satoshi Imazato, Osaka University Graduate School of Dentistry, Japan, to serve as IADR Vice-president. His term will commence at the conclusion of the hybrid 100<sup>th</sup> General Session of IADR, which will be held in conjunction with the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Asia Pacific Region, from June 20-25, 2022 in Chengdu, China, and online.

Imazato is a professor, Chair of the Department of Biomaterials Science, and Dean of the Osaka University Graduate School of Dentistry/School of Dentistry, Japan. He received his D.D.S. and Ph.D. from Osaka University, Japan. During his 35-year research career, he mostly worked at Osaka University and once joined Newcastle University School of Dental Sciences, UK, as a visiting researcher.



Imazato's main research interest focuses on dental materials/biomaterials science. One highlight of Imazato's research achievements is the development and commercialization of the world's first antibacterial adhesive system incorporating an antibacterial monomer MDPB, an innovative chemical compound which he invented. This material helps clinicians to perform minimally invasive restorative treatments under patient-oriented tooth-preservative concepts.

In addition, as a dentist and a dental scientist, Imazato has conducted a variety of research in the field of cariology, restorative/prosthetic dentistry, endodontology, pulp biology, implantology, regenerative medicine, and gerodontology. He has published over 300 papers, with around 7,000 citations, and has edited seven books and 60 book chapters.

A member for over 30 years, Imazato has been actively involved in IADR. He served as the President of the IADR Dental Materials Group, President of the Japanese Division of IADR (JADR), is a current member of the *Journal of Dental Research* Editorial Board, and has served on multiple committees. Imazato has also served within a number of dental organizations and as editorial board members for many journals. In 2020, he won the IADR Distinguished Scientist Award (Wilmer Souder Award).

“The IADR has been the most important research platform in my academic career. By being involved in various IADR committee work, I learned a lot about the structure of the organization, and recognized the true value of IADR for the global advancement of dental, oral, and craniofacial research,” said Imazato. “Oral health is indicative of overall health. From the viewpoint not only of a scientist but also a clinician, I believe that IADR has enormous power to support oral health promotion throughout the world.”

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