Introduction

The Periodontal Research Group (PRG) is a forum for IADR’s active members involved in any aspect of periodontal research. Our mission is to advance periodontal research activities and increase knowledge with the aim to improve periodontal health of patient and the public.

The PRG also aims to facilitate presentation, discussion, and publication of scientific papers on periodontal research, and to identify and support excellence in both young and established scientists in Periodontology through its competitive awards and grants. We have members from all 6 continents as demonstrated in Graph 1.

All PRG members are invited to our annual business meeting and complimentary reception, held during the annual IADR General Session. Please, visit our web site to read PRG’s constitution, check for up-to-date information related to our annual awards and research grant opportunities, and learn more about the group.

Thank you for being part of this group!

Graph 1. Percentage of members distributed by continent/2017 (Total number of members: 1153)
Annual Business Meeting
San Francisco | 2017

Officers 2017/2018

President
Magda Feres
São Paulo, Brazil

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Hatice Hasturk
Boston, USA

Vice-president
Nagihan Bostanci
Stockholm, Sweden

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Boston, USA

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Axel Spahr
Sydney, Australia

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Andreas Stavropoulos
Malmö, Sweden

Councilor (AADR)
Alpdogan Kantarci
Boston, USA

Group Program Chair
Philip Preshaw
Newcastle, UK

Corporate Liaison
Jack Spitznagel
Baltimore, USA

Magda Feres (President 2017-2018) and Axel Spahr (Immediate Past President).

The PRG past president, Iain Chapple (University of Birmingham, UK) received from the PRG Secretary, Alp Kantarci and Anton Sculean a plate in recognition of his contributions to the PRG.
### PRG Awards 2017

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#### Fellows and Grant Opportunities 2017

- **IADR Karring-Nyman SUNSTAR Guidor Award** to Daniel R. Clark (University of San Francisco, USA).
  
  Title: Immunomodulation for enhanced bone regeneration.

- **IADR Periodontal Research Group Past Presidents’ Travel Award** to Isabel-Lopez Olivia (University of Birmingham, UK).
  
  Title: Circulating Antibodies to Citrullinated Proteins in Rheumatoid Arthritis and Periodontitis.
IADR/Philips Oral Healthcare Young Investigator Research Grant to Matthew Mason (University of North Carolina, USA). Title: The role of the oral microbiome in disruptive modulation of neutrophil responses.

IADR Sigmund Socransky Young Investigator Award (Sponsored by Colgate) to Moritz Kebschull (University of Bonn, Germany).

IADR/PRG Award in Regenerative Periodontal Medicine (Sponsored by REGEDENT) to David Cochran (University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio, USA).

IADR/AADR AWARDS | Fellowships and grant opportunities

2017 IADR Distinguished Scientist Award for Basic Research in Periodontal Disease to Panos N. Papapanou (Columbia University, USA).

2017 AADR Anne D. Haffajee Fellowship to Yong-Hee Chun (University of Texas, USA).
2017 NEWS

Election of new PRG Vice-President for the term 2017-2018


Election of new abstract reviewers

One of the novelties for the period 2017-2018 was the election of new PRG “Abstract Reviewers”. Fifty-three PRG members volunteered as Abstract Reviewers for the 8 vacancies in three different areas: Diagnosis/Epidemiology, Pathogenesis and Therapy.

“We were glad that over 50 members were eager to collaborate with the group by reviewing the AADR and IADR abstracts. However, as we only had 8 openings, the Board voted to choose the new collaborators. The Board has kept all the other participants’ names on a database for future openings. Thank you all again for your support.”

Magda Feres, President

Help us to welcome the new Reviewers!

From left to right: Francesco D’Aiuto (UK), Moritz Kebschull (Germany), Luigi Nibali (UK), Purnima Kumar (USA), Bruno Loos (The Netherlands), Ivan Darby (Australia), Cristiano Susin (USA) and Danae Apatzidou (Greece)
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**Program Chairs (GPCs)**

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### POST-BUSINESS MEETING SURVEY
**San Francisco, 2017**

After the PRG Business Meeting at the 2017 IADR/AADR/CADR General Session in San Francisco, the PRG conducted a survey with the purpose of improving our processes and planning for future meetings. 118 PRG members answered the questionnaire and left their suggestions. Thank you very much for your participation!! Access here (QR code) the complete Results of the SURVEY, and find below some highlights:

We found out that our members think that the Business Meeting is a great opportunity to meet colleagues and friends! So, help us to publicize our meetings and receptions.
WHAT DID YOU LIKE THE MOST ABOUT THE PRG-BM IN SAN FRANCISCO?

* You may select more than one answer

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ARE YOU AWARE OF ALL THE AWARDS HELD BY THE PRG?

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We understood that many of our members have doubts about our AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANT OPPORTUNITIES. So, we’ve added more information about this opportunities on this Newsletter and to the website. Please, access them and help us to publicize our Awards!
The election process for Scientific Group officers has changed

The election for IADR Scientific Group Officers is now being held in conjunction with the IADR election. Thus, we will not be conducting our elections at the annual business meetings anymore.

Each IADR Member or Retired members will receive a ballot for the IADR Vice-president and for the officers of any Scientific Group or Network they belong to. IADR Student members will only receive the ballot for the Scientific Group or Networks they belong to. Successful candidates will begin their term of service at the conclusion of the annual IADR General Session.

Please, see below more details about the recent changes in the election process:

Excerpt from IADR Scientific Group/Network Governance Handbook:

“All current members of the SG/N are eligible to serve as officers of the SG/N and vote in the annual election. The annual election of officers is held in conjunction with the IADR general election for Vice-president. A current member is defined by a member of the SG/N that has paid the current year membership dues. Members are both those that have identified the SG/N as their primary affiliation or have added the SG/N to their annual membership.

Each SG/N must nominate a minimum of two individuals to stand for each elected position, vice-president every year and Secretary/Treasurer and Council every three years. Candidates may only stand for election for one position in each election. SG/N officers are able to be elected to the same office, but may not serve more than two consecutive terms for any elected office.

Prospective candidates for the position of vice president, president-elect or president should have held at least 1-2 positions within the SG/N before the actual election date. This requirement allows for better and improved understanding of the general operations and limits disruptions of effective processes within the SG/N.

If an officer does not renew their membership at any time during their term, their term is terminated and remaining officers shall appoint a member of the SG/N to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the term. Individuals completing the term of office are still eligible to serve two consecutive terms for the same elected office.

SG/N that do not provide candidates may risk not receiving the SG/N membership dues collected for that year.”

For additional information please review the IADR Scientific Group/Network Governance Handbook online at http://www.iadr.org/Portals/69/docs/Groups/IADR_SGN_Governance_Handbook.pdf
Election of new PRG Vice-President for the term 2018-2019

President elect (2019-2020)
President (2020-2021)

Starting in 2018, the PRG has a new award: IADR/IAP Ricardo Teles Clinical Research Award in Periodontology

This research award, sponsored by The International Academy of Periodontology (IAP) was established in recognition of Dr. Ricardo Teles contributions to Clinical Periodontal Research.

The award recognizes a Clinical Research Paper accepted for publication or published during the preceding year. One paper reporting the results of a clinical study will be selected in one of the following categories: onset, progression and treatment of periodontal diseases.

The award consists of a cash prize of US$3000 and a recognition plaque.

The new classification of periodontal and peri-implant diseases and conditions is now published

The American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) and European Federation of Periodontology (EFP) have published the official proceedings from the 2017 World Workshop on the Classification of Periodontal and Peri-Implant Diseases and Conditions.

Highlights from the World Workshop include a recategorization of various forms of periodontitis and the definition of periodontal health, the development of a novel staging and grading system for periodontitis, and the inaugural classification for peri-implant diseases and conditions.

The review papers and consensus reports from the Workshop are available in the June 2018 print and online issues of the Journal of Periodontology and Journal of Clinical Periodontology.
EDUCATIONAL EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE PRG IN LONDON | 2018

Keynote speaker

Thursday, July 26, 2018
Periodontitis epidemiology: lessons learned and unlearned
Presenter: Panos N. Papapanou
14:15 – 14:45 hrs.
South Gallery 11/12, Level 2

Symposia

Tuesday, July 24, 2018
Increase your proficiency in carrying out effective peer reviews
Organizer: Jocelyne Feine, Effie Ioannidou

Wednesday, July 25, 2018
Evidence-based periodontal treatment: interpreting results of RCTs and Systematic Reviews, a PRG/IADR and Cochrane Oral Health Group Joint Symposium
Organizer: Magda Feres, Anne-Marie Glenny

Sticking together: a tale of two oral microbiologists
Organizer: Hui Wu, Angela Nobbs, Patricia Diaz

Microbial dysbiosis and cancer, periodontitis and peri-implantitis
Organizer: Purnima Kumar, Janina P. Lewis

Altmetrics - The new impact factor?
Organizer: Kenneth Eaton, Stephen Hancocks

Dental mineralization disorders: bench to bedside
Organizer: Brian Foster, Catherine Chaussain

Gender bias in scholarly activities: an evidence-based approach
Organizer: Effie Ioannidou, Flavia Teles

The roles of nano-hydroxyapatite technologies in dentistry
Organizer: Bennett Amaechi, Joachim Enax

Exploring Interface biology in dental research: organotypic culture applications
Organizer: Binnaz Leblebicioglu

Thursday, July 26, 2018
Extracellular vesicles of neural crest-derived stem cells as a novel approach to stimulate alveolar bone regeneration through regulation of osteogenesis and angiogenesis
Organizer: Wolf-Dieter Grimm

Bone mechanical stimulation and its therapeutic applications
Organizer: Cristina Teixeira, Mani Alikhani

Host-microbial interactions at the oral mucosal barrier
Organizer: Sarah Gaffen, Niki Moutsopoulos

Oral microbiome (DNA/RNA) sequencing data analysis
Organizer: Jorge Frias-Lopez, Di Wu, Dong Mei Deng

Innovative clinical trial design with an interdisciplinary patient-centric focus
Organizer: Francis Hughes, Iain Chapple, Sue Pavitt, Francesco D’Aiuto

Friday, July 27, 2018
Harassment in science: steps to no-tolerance
Organizer: Effie Ioannidou, Luciana Shaddox, Ariadne Letra

Saturday, July 28, 2018
Periodontal regeneration using biologically active factors
Organizer: Songling Wang

Lunch & Learning

Thursday, July 26, 2018 - Capital Hall, Level 0
Table #08: Nonsurgical treatment for periodontitis: perspectives from clinical trials.
Presenter: Danae Apatzidou

Table #09: Oral treponemes: diversity and distributions in periodontal health and disease.
Presenter: Rory Munro Watt

Table #10: Wound healing process in peri-implant versus periodontal tissues.
Presenter: Binnaz Leblebicioglu

Table #11: Effective periodontal treatment for subjects with type 2 diabetes.
Presenter: Hatice Hasturk

Table #12: Host genetics and periodontitis: how do we make the step from the lab to the clinic?
Presenter: Luigi Nibali

Table #13: Protein biomarker discovery and validation for periodontitis.
Presenter: Melissa Grant

Table #14: Novel nicotine products and the periodontist: e-cigarettes and beyond.
Presenter: Richard Holliday

Friday, July 27, 2018 - Capital Hall, Level 0
Table #25: Periodontitis and cardiovascular diseases: evidence from national surveys.
Presenter: Georgios Tsakos

Table #26: Resilience of the salivary microbiome in response to antibiotics.
Presenter: Egija Zaura

Table #27: Periodontitis and systemic diseases: association or causation.
Presenter: Gerry Linden

Table #28: Association between overweight/obesity and increased risk of periodontitis.
Presenter: Jeanie Suvan

Table #29: Role of macrophages in periodontal health and disease.
Presenter: Elisabeth A. Boström

Table #30: Design of clinical trials in Periodontology and Implant Dentistry.
Presenter: Niklaus Lang