Hi ERG Members,

Thank you for your participation and interest in the IADR ERG over the past years. Please, see below what has been happening with the ERG.

Letter from President

Dear ERG Members,

I am delighted to introduce myself as the new President of the Educational Research Group and I am honoured to have been elected by the membership to serve this group. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Tracy de Peralta who is our immediate past president for her hard work and dedication over the past year and in supporting the recent conference and symposia at the annual meeting. Along with Jonathan San Diego as President-elect and Laura Gartshore as vice president and the rest of the executive we are looking to raise the engagement with ERG members, other research groups, and across the IADR membership going forwards.

The recent General session in Portland was a great success and provided valuable insights into the latest research in dental education around the globe. I was impressed by the quality of the presentations and in-depth discussions, and I am confident that our group is making a significant contribution to the field of dental education. I would also like to warmly welcome our new members who have recently joined our group in Portland. In particular, Makayla, Tala and Jinlong who as doctoral, post-doctoral, and academic staff respectively joined their first IADR conference in Portland and have written short reflections about their first experiences in our newsletter. Your expertise and enthusiasm will be an asset to our group, and I look forward to working with you in the coming years to welcome new members and get to know established members over the next year and beyond. Also, we are in the process of arranging webinars for the IADR membership over the coming year and if you have a theme and a small group of like-minded researchers from different backgrounds that can co-present a webinar, please do approach myself or any officers of the executive to contribute.

The next General session will be held in Bogota June 21-24th. I encourage all members who attend this meeting to join our business meeting and the reception so we can network and plan for the 2024 General Session meeting in New Orleans March 13-16th. I am confident that our group will continue to thrive and make a significant contribution to the field of dental education. Thank you all for your continued support, and I look forward to seeing you at the sessions and symposia.

Michael Botelho
ERG President

2023 IADR/LAR General Session & Exhibition with WCPD

2023 IADR/LAR General Session

Upcoming Events:

Webinars
We are looking to launch a webinar soon from ERG members to the larger group and are looking for suitable joint presentations from members ideally from different institutes on perspectives relating to educational research and practice. As a start, I am looking to present a webinar on “Closing the clinical transition gap – supporting clinical decision making and problem-solving outside of the clinic”. If you have some content to share, please contact me about a joint presentation. Botelho(at)hku.hk
Congratulations to all who presented at the 2023 AADOCR meeting!

Presentations at the Interactive Short Talk Sessions were as follows.

**Approaches to Delivery of Learning and Simulation**
*Learning Objective: To understand the differences in learning delivery and the role of simulation within the curriculum*

3/15/2023

**Education towards the restoration of oral and physical health**
*Learning Objective: Understand approaches to the education of restoration of oral and physical health*

3/17/2023

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**Meet the new ERG member, Makayla Medrano!**

My name is Makayla Medrano and I am currently a second-year dental student at Texas A&M School of Dentistry. Through the school’s Public Health Sciences department, I have completed research over dental fear and LGBTQ+ healthcare education. It was these opportunities that allowed me to explore my interest in public health education and research. Over the past 2 years, I have had the opportunity and will hopefully continue to attend conferences, such as IADR, to discuss and present my work. The IADR meeting in Portland, Oregon was a unique and meaningful experience because I was able to attend the educational research group session and reception. I was able to explore what my potential career, with my interests in mind, could look like with established professionals. During the reception useful articles were provided, along with discussions of potential collaborations, and advice to help advance my current research project. I also was blown away by the kindness and sense of community from the professionals in the room, many of which shared their career journey. Some also shared their background and passions outside of dentistry. It’s conversations and connections like these that make dentistry so special and one of the core reasons why I decided to join the profession.
Meet the new ERG member, Tala Maragha!

I am a PhD Candidate in Craniofacial Science in the Faculty of Dentistry at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver. Since I’ve started both my MSc and my PhD shortly before and during the pandemic, my participation in in-person conferences outside of Canada was limited, so the AADOCR/ CADR Annual Meeting in Portland, Oregon was an interesting opportunity to meet scientist and colleagues from all over the world. My main area of research is around the wellbeing and health of oral health sciences students in pre-clinical years. During the Annual Meeting, I shared some of my dissertation findings with a number of researchers from IADR’s ERG, who provided great insights around future directions and possible venues to explore. The ERG members also hosted their reception where we connected with inspiring educational specialists. The environment of the reception was inviting, inclusive, and welcoming, as it included academics at different stages of their careers who shared their stories and offered helpful advice and collaboration opportunities.

Meet the new ERG member, Jinlong Gao!

My name is Jinlong Gao and I am a senior lecturer from Sydney Dental School, the University of Sydney, Australia. Currently I live and work in Sydney, a place that boasts a rich and diverse culture. Receiving my training as a general dentist in China and a dental scientist in Australia has given me various perspectives and set of experience that I now bring to my academic career. Through my journey of exploring and reflection, I have come to appreciate the fascinating areas of research within dental education. Attending the AADOCR/CADR annual meeting in Portland this past March was a particularly refreshing experience, given the pandemic induced ‘hibernation’ of almost three years that had preceded it. At the conference, I had the opportunity to connect with colleagues from different schools and different parts of the world again. Among the highlights of the conference for me was attending the IADR Dental Education Research Group meeting and reception where I felt welcomed into an inclusive and nurturing environment. The ideas flowing through conversations with members of this group were thought-provoking and inspiring, giving me, as a newbie, a strong sense of belonging. Being a part of this community has reinforced my belief that dental education and scholar innovations are essential for sustaining the profession’s ecosystem. I look forward to collaborating with others to shape the future generations of dental professionals.

Executive Board Members
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Councilor: Man Hung
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Regional Representatives: Se-Lim Oh, Samantha Byrne, Melanie Nasseripour, Matin Zemel

Group Programme Chair: Kim Piper
Focused Learning Session Organizer: Michael Botelho
Symposium Organizer: Michael Botelho
Proposal Coordinator: Tracy de Peralta
Please Visit the ERG Sessions at the June 2023 Meeting:

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**AWARDS**

**IADR Education Research Group Grant**

The Education Research Group (ERG) invites proposals of up to $2,500 USD for consideration. The ERG Grant is designed to fund any educational research endeavor that leads to the promotion or dissemination of effective learning and/or teaching activities in dental education.

**IADR Education Research Group Best Presentation Awards**

The Education Research Group (ERG) Best Presentation Awards are given to the oral or poster presentation judged to be the best in the ERG sessions at the Annual General Session and Exhibition of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). Usually one award is given to the best student presentation and one award to the best faculty presentation. Presentations are judged by ERG members.

**AWARD PRIZE**

Student Award: $400 Faculty Award: $600