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## **IADR Announces Recipients of the 2025 IADR Innovation in Oral Care Awards**

**Alexandria, VA, USA** – The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) has announced the 2025 recipients of the IADR Innovation in Oral Care Award. The recipients were recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of the 103<sup>rd</sup> General Session of the IADR, which was held in conjunction with the IADR/Pan European Regional Congress on June 25-28, 2025 in Barcelona, Spain.

The recipients are:

- **Prasanna Neelakantan**  
University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada  
*Bioinspired Nanogel for the Management of Oral Candidiasis*  
Co-investigators: Santiago Orrego and Cesar de la Fuente
- **Yong Wang**  
University of Missouri- Kansas City, USA  
*Biomimetic Multifunctional Compounds for Advanced Oral Care*  
Co-investigators: Zhonghua Peng and Viviane Hass
- **Ollie Yiru Yu**  
The University of Hong Kong, SAR, China  
*A Self-Healing Dental Sealant for Caries Prevention and Management*  
Co-investigators: Chun-Hung Chu, Christie Ying-Kei Lung, and Kelsey Xingyun Ge

The IADR Innovation in Oral Care Awards offer opportunities for investigators to conduct dental research that will have a direct impact on the oral health of the public. Now in its 22<sup>nd</sup> year of award support, Haleon has contributed more than \$4 million to the Awards program.

### **About IADR**

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