



IADR INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION
FOR DENTAL, ORAL, AND
CRANIOFACIAL RESEARCH

Oral Health Research Group is committed to the improvement of global Oral Health and Oral Health-related quality of life (OHRQoL) through research in the areas of prevention of oral diseases, evidence-based interventions, and therapies that promote wellness.

<https://www.iadr.org/OHR>

Summer 2024-2025

President's Message

Dear Oral Health Research Group Colleagues and Friends,

It has been a privilege serving as your president for the 2024-2025 year. This past year was a busy year for our group, as we participated in several webinars and planned an exciting program for the 103rd IADR General Session & Exhibition, held in conjunction with the IADR Pan European Regional Congress, June 25 through 28, in Barcelona, Spain.

With four full days of oral and poster presentations, hands-on workshops, lunch & learning sessions, keynote addresses, and scientific symposia, this year's meeting offered an impressive and diverse array of research topics and numerous opportunities for networking with colleagues and making new friends. The meeting venue was beautiful and engagement by attendees was outstanding.

The OHRG accepted 111 abstracts that were presented in two oral sessions and five poster sessions. On Thursday, June 26, 2025, Dr. Guang Hong of Tohoku University presented the keynote address, entitled, "Recycled Zirconia for Dental Application" in the oral session, "Sustainable Dentistry: Perceptions and Practice". In addition, the OHRG co-sponsored three scientific symposia:

- Stage Setting for Oral Health on the Health Aging Agenda
- Bridging Disciplines: Medical, Dental & Behavioral Health Integration
- Cooperation Between the Research Community and Industry

During our business meeting on Thursday, June 26, we shared an overview of our group's activities, including membership and financial reports, received updates from our Councilor about ongoing IADR organization-level activities, encouraged member participation, and welcomed new members to the group. We celebrated the recipients of the 2025 IADR OHRG awards, specifically the Oral Health Research Sustainability Award, sponsored by Haleon, the Oral Health Research Group Young Investigators Travel Award, and the Colgate Oral Health Research Award. The business meeting culminated with the installation of the new officers for 2025-2026. Afterwards, we held a reception sponsored by the Colgate-Palmolive Company.

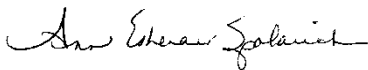
I would like to express my deepest appreciation to those who volunteered to review abstracts for both the AADOCR and IADR General Sessions, as well as to the members of the IADR OHRG Board for their leadership and commitment to our group. I would like to especially acknowledge the long-standing commitments of both Patricia Lenton and Sylvia Santos, both of whom have served in multiple leadership roles for over three decades, in support of our group and of the IADR. We owe a debt of gratitude to them for their dedication and service to our organization, and we wish them well as they take a well-deserved break from leading the charge. Their example has set a precedent for all of us to follow, and I look forward to welcoming new members to step up to help to lead the OHRG in the future.

I would also like to thank our corporate partners who support the awards program for our group: Haleon, the Lion Corporation, and the Colgate-Palmolive Company. We are grateful for their generosity and commitment to advancing oral health around the globe. Without them, these awards would not be possible. I would like to ask all of you to please thank the representatives of these companies for their ongoing support of the OHRG and the IADR.

We welcome opportunities to partner with other organizations to help to grow the IADR. We are always committed to networking with other IADR groups and regional networks to encourage collaboration, learning, and research productivity. I look forward to our continued efforts to offer more programming through the OHRG at future meetings and through upcoming webinars, so that we can share our knowledge with one another and foster member engagement. If you have ideas for a future program, please contact me or any other member of the OHRG Board. We would love to hear from you!









Thank you for your confidence in me as I now step into the role as your Immediate Past President and Councilor of the OHRG. As one of the original, founding members of the OHRG, it is truly my honor and privilege to be a part of this organization. I look forward to seeing you all in San Diego in March 2026.


With kind regards,



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2024-2025 Oral Health Research Officers

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2025 OHRG Awards

We want to congratulate the 2025 award recipients. The awards were presented during the 2025 IADR/PER General Session & Exhibition (Barcelona, Spain).

This year, there were two recipients of the IADR Oral Health Young Investigators Travel Award.

- **IADR Oral Health Research Young Investigators Travel Award** is supported by OHRG to encourage and support young investigators to conduct research in the area of improving oral health globally.

Recipient: Paula Fischer, University of Freiburg, Germany

Abstract Title: Clinical Exploratory Study on the Aetiology of Recurrent Aphthous Stomatitis



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Recipient: Preethi Prajod, Dental Center Singapore, Duke NUS Medical School

Abstract Title: Gingival Inflammation and Pregnancy are Key Phenotypes of Oral Dysbiosis



▪ **IADR 'Sustainability In Oral Health' Research Award sponsored by a donation from HALEON**

Supports work that encourages environmental sustainability with new actives, behavior changes, manufacturing or packaging.

Recipient: Amira Elwan, DDS, MPH, Alexandria University, Alexandria Egypt

Abstract Title: Carbon Footprint of Private Dental Clinics and Laboratories in Egypt



▪ **29th IADR Colgate Oral Health Research Award**

This award is sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Co. and acknowledges a distinguished OHRG member with a body of meritorious research, with preference given to a Dental Hygienist. The recipient is recognized for original research in the area of oral health which can include a broad array of basic, clinical, and applied studies related to strategies for the prevention of oral disease and the promotion of wellness.

Recipient: Svetlana Farrell, DDS, PhD
Senior Director, Oral Care Clinical Operations,
Professional Scientific Relations,
Performance Testing, Statistics and Data
Management
Procter & Gamble, Co.

Renzo Vasquez of the Procter & Gamble, Co.
accepted the award on behalf of Dr. Farrell.



Check out our award opportunities detailed at <https://www.iadr.org/OHR>. Deadlines for awards application for the 2026 meeting will correspond with the meeting abstract submission deadline of October 22, 2025.

Please visit our website for more information about the OHRG and our awards program:

<https://www.iadr.org/membership/communities/groups-networks/oral-health-research-group>

2024-2025 Webinars

The OHRG was pleased to sponsor the following webinar with the Africa/Middle East Region:



Webinar

IADR INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR DENTAL, ORAL, AND CRANIOFACIAL RESEARCH

Dental Public Health in The Africa/Middle East Region
Monday, September 30 @ 8 a.m. EDT (UTC-4)

Speaker
Maha El Tantawi
Alexandria University,
Egypt

Speaker
Morenike Ukpog
Obafemi Awolowo University,
Nigeria

Moderator
Lamis Abuhaloob
Dental Public Health Expert,
United Kingdom

Sponsored by the IADR Oral Health Research Group

The OHRG was pleased to participate in a webinar with the Dental Anesthesiology and Special Care Research Group (DASCR) on January 16, 2025.



Innovations in Oral Research to Engage Excluded Populations
January 16, 2025 @ 8 a.m. EDT (UTC-5)

Key topics include: addressing major barriers to participation, such as communication challenges and consent issues, by adopting flexible survey formats and supportive environments; Understanding how to develop accessible clinical survey tools, with an emphasis on user-centered design, and gaining insights from low-threshold health survey tools like the Modified Oral Status Survey Tool to effectively capture data from marginalized groups in high, low and middle income countries.

IADR CONNECT
Dental Anesthesiology and
Special Care Research Group

Ann Spolarich
Arizona School of Dentistry
Oral Health, A.T. Still University
Speaker

Caoimhin Mac Giolla Phadraig
Trinity College Dublin
Speaker

Katrina Byrne
Trinity College Dublin
Speaker

Mutinta Muchanga
Ministry of Health Zambia,
Lusaka, Zambia
Moderator

www.iadr.org/connectwebinars

Join us every third Thursday for IADR Connect, our monthly webinar series where we spotlight different scientific areas with leading experts from around the globe.

Members can view these webinars can be viewed on the IADR website at:

<https://www.pathlms.com/iadr/courses>

in the OHRG also offered a webinar training program for new abstract reviewers in February 2025.

2025-2026 New Officers:

The following officers were installed during the business meeting in Barcelona:

President	Ellen Guritzky
President-elect	Kimberly Milleman
Vice President	Aurea Simon-Soro
Secretary Treasurer	Kim Attanasi
Councilor	Ann Spolarich
Group Program Chair	Sam St. John
Proposal Coordinator	Kyle Hubble
Awards Committee Chair	Chun Wang Reinhard Chau
Past President	Ann Spolarich



Call for Nominations, new OHRG officer positions

For 2027, we will be seeking nominations for the following positions which will commence following the 2026 IADR meeting in San Diego. IADR will distribute an email notification to our group requesting nominations and will provide specific instructions for submitting biographies and position qualifications:

- Vice President: 2026-2027

Seeking New Member Involvement

Are you interested in becoming more involved in the OHRG? Please send an email to ellen.r.guritzky@haleon.com.

We are seeking volunteers to help with the following positions:

- Social Media and Communications
- Abstract Reviewers

- Student Involvement

2026 IADR/AADOCR/CADR General Session & Exhibition

2065 IADR/PER General Session & Exhibition will be held in San Diego, California, USA, March 25-28, 2026.

Tell Us When Your Research is Published

Again, the OHRG Executive Committee asks each of their members to inform us once their abstract contributions to IADR sessions are published as full papers so that we can track our group's scientific contribution to the research community. Please send an email to ellen.r.guritzky@haleon.com.

In closing, we want to hear from you! Let us know how we can support you and your research efforts and professional growth. We welcome your participation and engagement! Please contact any of the 2025-2026 officers with ideas, suggestions and comments.