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## Novel Insights into Peri-implant Diseases

**Alexandria, VA, USA** – A symposium advancing strategies for fostering peri-implant health was presented at the 104<sup>th</sup> General Session of the IADR, which was held in conjunction with the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research and the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research on March 25-28, 2026 in San Diego, CA, USA.

Peri-implantitis represents a growing clinical challenge worldwide. Despite the diagnostic criteria established at the 2017 World Workshop, critical knowledge gaps remain in understanding how dysbiotic biofilms, host responses, prosthetic designs, and peri-implant soft-tissue interfaces interact to drive disease initiation and progression.

This symposium bridged basic discovery with clinical translation, offering new and timely insights that directly impact patient care. Cutting-edge presentations featured: (1) multi-omics signatures distinguishing peri-implant mucositis from health; (2) updated evidence on patient- and prosthesis-related risk factors; (3) novel data on the implant–abutment microgap as a bacterial reservoir; and (4) innovative strategies to optimize the soft tissue–implant interface. By integrating these new research findings into a cohesive bench-to-bedside framework, the symposium equipped both clinicians and researchers to refine diagnosis, personalize therapy, and advance regenerative strategies for fostering peri-implant health.

Organized by Guo-Hao Lin, University of California, San Francisco, USA; Hanae Saito, University of Maryland, Baltimore, USA; Jill Helms, Stanford University, CA, USA; Eswar Kandaswamy, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, USA; and Vivek T. Math, University of Maryland, Baltimore, USA the symposium, “Novel Insights into Peri-implant Diseases” took place on Friday, March 27 at 2 p.m. PDT (UTC-7).

### About IADR/AADOOCR

The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to drive dental, oral, and craniofacial research for health and well-being worldwide. IADR represents the individual scientists, clinician-scientists, dental professionals, and students based in academic, government, non-profit, and private-sector institutions who share our mission. The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOOCR) is the largest division of IADR. Learn more at [www.iadr.org](http://www.iadr.org).

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