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IADR Announces Recipients of the 2026 IADR Dianne Rekow Mentoring in Science Award

Alexandria, VA, USA – The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) has announced the 2026 recipients of the IADR Dianne Rekow Mentoring in Science Award. The recipients were recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of the 104th General Session of the IADR, which was held in conjunction with the 55th Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research and the 50th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research on March 25-28, 2026 in San Diego, CA, USA.

The recipients are:

- **Loreto Abusleme** (*mentor*)
University of Chile
- **Natalia Endo Lavado** (*mentee*)
University of Chile

The IADR Dianne Rekow Mentoring in Science Award was created in recognition of the late Dianne Rekow and her inspiring dedication and mentorship to many students, scholars, and faculty in the dental, oral, and craniofacial sciences. Rekow was the 88th president of the IADR (2011-12) and the 35th president of the AADOCR (2006-07). Through Rekow's legacy, the goal is to fund an award that will enable the mentoring of a promising early career researcher by a mid-career faculty in the dental, oral, and craniofacial sciences. The award was introduced by the IADR Women in Science Network and Dr. Van Thompson, Rekow's husband and former chair of the Department of Biomaterials and Biomimetics at New York University College of Dentistry.

About IADR

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. Learn more at www.iadr.org.

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