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## **IADR Announces Recipients of the 2026 IADR Centennial Travel Award for New Investigators**

**Alexandria, VA, USA** – The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) has announced the 2026 recipients of the IADR Centennial Travel Award for New Investigators. The recipients were recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of 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.

The recipients are:

- **Hams Abdelrahman**, Alexandria University
- **Gilan Altonbary**, Mansoura University
- **Deepak Chandrasekharan**, SRM Kattankulathur Dental College and Hospital
- **Ximena Concha Melgar**, Cayetano Heredia University
- **Hiskell Francine Fernandes e Oliveira**, University of São Paulo
- **Lord Jephthah Joojo Gowans**, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
- **Katherine Hidalgo**, University of Bern
- **Chanyuan Jin**, Peking University
- **Bo Li**, Sichuan University
- **Hélvis Paz**, University of Campinas

The IADR Centennial Travel Award for New Investigators assists new investigators residing in low to upper middle-income countries to attend the IADR General Session & Exhibition. The award is designed to encourage new investigators to undertake research and to support their attendance at the General Session to present research in any of the IADR Scientific Group & Network research areas. The award is supported by IADR and individual member donations.

### **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-

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