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## **IADR Announces Recipients of the 2026 IADR Lion Dental Research Award**

**Alexandria, VA, USA** – The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) has announced the 2026 recipients of the IADR Lion Dental Research Award. 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:

- **Ahmed Eldib**  
University of Saskatchewan  
*Salivary Research*
- **Claire Minchun Huang**  
The University of Hong Kong  
*Oral Health Research*
- **Jiarong Xu**  
The University of Hong Kong  
*Periodontal Research*

The Lion Dental Research Award is intended to support improvements in oral health sciences through the stimulation of junior researchers by recognition of outstanding and innovative research in basic dental science for the improvement of public dental health, and recognition of applied research achievements for improvement and development of oral care products for the prevention or oral diseases. The award is made possible by a generous donation from the Lion Corporation, Tokyo, Japan.

### **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](http://www.iadr.org).

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