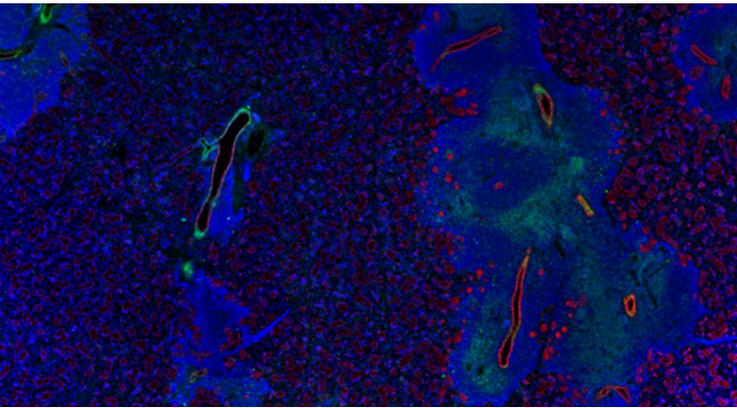




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2026 IADR/AADOCCR/CADR General Session & Exhibition

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming IADR/AADOCCR/CADR General Session in San Diego, CA! The Salivary Research Group (SRG) is proudly showcased throughout the program, and we invite you to explore our SRG-sponsored events (featured on Pages 2-3). We hope you'll join us for many of these sessions and for the SRG Business Meeting on March 26th. We'll be celebrating our awardees, highlighting accomplishments from the past year, and discussing exciting future directions for the group and our members. We'll also share announcements about upcoming salivary research-related activities.

Safe travels, and see you soon

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Salivary Research Awards

The Salivary Research Group recognizes the outstanding science of our members each year through two awards:

1. IADR Salivary Researcher of the Year
2. Salivary Research Awards for trainees (6 total)

Additionally, IADR awards the IADR Lion Dental Research Award for Salivary Research.

We will be honoring these awardees at the SRG Business Meeting!

Upcoming Events & Dates

OMP Connect: Oral-Systemic Connections and the Role of Salivary Biomarkers in HIV/AIDS

March 19th, 8:00 AM ET
(Online)

IADR/AADOCCR/CADR General Session

March 25th-28th, 2026
San Diego, CA

SRG Business Meeting

March 26th, 2026
San Diego, CA

ACTA Saliva Symposium

May 6th-9th, 2026
EGMOND-AAN-ZEE

IADR SRG Officer Nominations Due

July 1st, 2026
(<https://www.iadr.org/Group-Network-Nomination>)

International Symposium Sjögren's Disease

Sept. 29th-Oct. 2nd, 2026
Paris, France

2027 Gordon Research Conference on Salivary Gland & Exocrine Biology

Jan. 31st - Feb. 5th
Ventura, CA



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SRG-Sponsored and Co-Sponsored Sessions at the 2026 IADR/AADOCR/CADR General Session & Exhibition

Entire program online here:
<https://www.iadr.org/IAAppDesktop>

Wednesday, March 25th

Blueprints for Regeneration: Lessons from
Salivary Gland Development
3:15 PM, Room 30E (Symposium)

Speakers:

Dr. Lisa Sandell, University of Louisville School of Dentistry
Dr. Helen Makarenkova, Scripps Research Institute
Dr. Ali May, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Saliva: From Evolutionary Origins to
Cutting-Edge Diagnostics
3:15 PM, Room 33B (Oral Session)

Move AHEAD for Early Detection and
Diagnosis of Pre- and Malignant Oral Lesions
3:15 PM, Room 31B (Symposium)

NIDCR Mentored Research Training and Career
Development Opportunities
3:15 PM, Room 29B (Symposium)

Opening Ceremonies & Awards Program
5:00 PM, Ballroom 20ABC



Thursday, March 26th

Navigating the Transition from Mentored
Training to Research Career Independence
8:00 AM, Room 29C (Symposium)

Saliva Composition and Salivary Biomarkers
for Diagnosis, Monitoring, and Treatment
11:00 AM, Hall F-G (POSTER SESSION)

Lunch & Learn: Advancing the Human Oral
and Craniofacial Atlas through Spatial
Multiomics

12:30 PM, Table 1, Ballroom 20D

Dr. Kevin Matthew Byrd, Virginia Commonwealth University

Lunch & Learn: Multi-Omics Strategies for
Molecular Profiling of Oral Biofluid

12:30 PM, Table 6, Ballroom 20D

Dr. Lina Marin, University of Saskatchewan College of
Dentistry

Salivary Diagnostics: Current Advances and
Clinical Translation

2:00 PM, Room 29C (Symposium)

Speakers:

Dr. David Wong, University of California - Los Angeles
Dr. Walter Siqueira, University of Saskatchewan
Dr. Hend Alqaderi, Tufts University School of Dental Medicine
Dr. Chamindie Punyadeera, Griffith University

Grant Policy Updates to NIH Training Programs
2:00 PM, Room 29B (Symposium)

IADR Salivary Research Group Business
Meeting & Reception
5:30 PM, Room 28E



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Friday, March 27th

Oral Microbiome: a Reservoir for Clinical Pathogens and Antimicrobial Resistance
2:00 PM, Room 29C (Symposium)

Updates to NIH's Extramural Research Project Grant Policies and Processes (Symposium)
2:00 PM, Room 29B

Salivary Gland Physiology, Disease, Damage & Regeneration
3:45 PM, Hall F-G (POSTER SESSION)



Saturday, March 28th

Immunity at the Oral-Systemic Interface: Molecular Mechanisms and Beyond
8:00 AM, Room 29C (Symposium)

Xerostomia in Need of Mouthwatering Solutions: Prospects for Future Therapies
8:00 AM, Room 29B (Symposium)

Speakers:

Dr. Iona Ghita, NIDCR/NIH

Dr. Isabelle Lombaert, University of Michigan

Dr. Olga Baker, University of Missouri

Dr. Sarah Knox, University of California, - San Francisco

Next-Generation Computational Pathology of Salivary Glands
2:00 PM, Room 30E (Symposium)

Speakers:

Dr. Khoa Huynh, Virginia Commonwealth University

Dr. Bruno Matuck, Virginia Commonwealth University,
University of Sao Paolo

Dr. Seunghee Cha, University of Florida

Clinical and Pre-clinical Models Advancing Sjögren's Diagnostics and Mechanistic Insights
2:00 PM, Room 28D (Oral Session)

Oral Cancer Meets Regenerative Medicine: Bio-engineering, Immunity & Restoration
2:00 PM, Room 31B (Symposium)

Novel Technologies, Approaches, & Models for Salivary Research
3:45 PM, Hall F-G (POSTER SESSION)



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Salivary Research Group Leadership (Current & Incoming)



Kimberly Jasmer
President &
Group Program Chair,
University of Louisville
Term: 6/2025 - 3/2026



Kevin Matthew Byrd
President-Elect,
Virginia Commonwealth
University
Term: 6/2025 - 3/2026



Harim Tavares dos Santos
Vice President,
University at Buffalo
Term: 6/2025 - 3/2026



Inmaculada Tomás Carmona
Vice President,
University of Santiago de
Compostela
Term: 4/2026 - 6/2027



Kihoon Nam
Secretary/Treasurer,
University of Missouri
Term: 3/2022 - 3/2026



Bruno Špiljak
Councilor
University of Zagreb School of
Dental Medicine
3/2024 - 3/2027



José Maldonado-Ortiz
Secretary/Treasurer
Health Partners Institute
3/2026 - 3/2029

Become an SRG Officer

Open Elected Positions

- Vice President, (3 Year Term: 1 year as VP, 1 as President-Elect, 1 as President, 2027-2030)
- Councilor, (3 Year Term, 2027-2030)

Open Volunteer Positions (Contact a current officer if interested!)

- Group Program Chair
- Communications (Social Media)

Nominations for the 2026 General Election are now open.
Submit your nomination by **July 1, 2026.**

<https://www.iadr.org/Group-Network-Nomination>

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ACTA Academic
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for Dentistry
Amsterdam

Saliva Symposium

MAY 6 TO 9, 2026
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GUEST SPEAKER

**Guy
Carpenter**



GUEST SPEAKER

**Anne Marie
Lynge Pedersen**



GUEST SPEAKER

**Henk
Brand**



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OMP Connect: Oral-Systemic Connections and the Role of Salivary Biomarkers in HIV/AIDS

March 19th, 8:00 AM ET (Online)



Register here:

<https://www.pathlms.com/iadr/courses/74590/webinars/90545>

Speakers:

- **Modupe Coker**
University of Pennsylvania
Unlocking the oral-systemic interface in HIV
- **Irna Sufiawati**
Universitas Padjadjaran
Salivary Viral Biomarkers and Oral Epithelial Barrier Disruption in HIV Infection: Mechanistic Insights into Oral-Systemic Interactions
- **Latifa Berrezouga**
University of Monastir
People Living with HIV/AIDS in Monastir, Tunisia: Overview of my PhD Thesis

Salivary Research Spotlight

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First ever global phase III trials to demonstrate statistically significant reduction in disease activity for Sjögren's disease.

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