Dear Oral Health Research Colleagues and Friends:

We had a successful AADR/IADR meeting in lovely Vancouver, Canada in June 2019. On behalf of the OHR Group Executive Committee we would like to extend a big Thank You to our outgoing officer Frances Genco (IADR Councilor and OHRG Historian). You have shepherded the OHRG through the years and we hope you will continue to be active in the OHRG group. We thank Alyson Axe (Symposium Chair in 2017/18 and Program Chair in 2018/19) for her capable leadership.

The OHRG Executive Committee (2018-2019)
From left to right: Sushma Nachnani (Immediate Past President), Tara Fourre (Symposium Chair), Olivia Marchisio (incoming Vice President), Pat Lenton (Treasurer), Marianne Zsiska (President), Frances Genco (Councilor & Historian), Alyson Axe (Program Chair), Ralf Adam (President-Elect), Deborah Lyle (Award Chair).

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<td>University of Benin Teaching Hospital</td>
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<td>Marie Latortue</td>
<td>UT School of Dentistry</td>
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<td>Xiaoqin Bi</td>
<td>West China Hospital of Stomatology, Sichuan University, China</td>
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We would like to take this opportunity to emphasize that we welcome the great interest we had in taking a leadership role in the OHRG. We strongly encourage future candidates to participate. A great step to gain experience in the OHRG is to take on the role of Symposium Chair for one year, followed by Program Chair the next year.

Please note next year’s 98th IADR/49th AADR/44th CADR meeting in Washington D. C., USA from March 18-21, 2020. This will be a special meeting since IADR proudly celebrates its Centennial! We thank all of you for your continuous interest and support of our group.

Looking forward to seeing you in Washington D. C.,
Marianne Zsiska (President) & Ralf Adam (President-elect)

**Current OHRG Officers:**

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* In 2018 a Vice-president role was added to the group structure. To enable transition to the new structure, the President-Elect and VP role is combined for 2018-2019 with Ralf Adam serving in both roles; Ralf will advance to President as of March 21, 2020 until June 26, 2021
** Olivia will serve as VP as of June 22, 2019 – March 21, 2020, then advance to President-elect and serve from March 21, 2020 – June 26, 2021, and then President June 26, 2021 until March 26, 2022

**97th IADR General Session & Exhibition/ 48th Annual Meeting of the AADR/ 43th Annual Meeting of the CADR**

Thank you to everyone who submitted their abstracts to the OHRG. We had a record number of abstract submissions this year showcasing how highly diverse and vibrant Oral Health Research can be.

Let me take this opportunity to especially thank the other abstract reviewers, Alyson Axe, Tara Fourre and Ralf Adam, for their thoughtful reviews and time-consuming work. I very much appreciate the help and support I have received from our current and past committee members. The Executive Committee welcomes Ann Spolarich (Symposium Chair for 2019-2020).

We had 115 abstract presentations in Vancouver:

**Poster Sessions:**
- Product Related Research (20 posters)
- Oral Health Knowledge and Awareness (17 posters)
• Oral Health of Soft and Hard Tissues (15 posters)
• Oral Health in Pregnancy, Youngsters and Young Adults and the Elderly (12 posters)
• Oral Health in Specific Subpopulations (12 posters)
• Systemic Health and Oral Health Relationships (9 posters)
• Effects of Exposure to eCigarettes and Tobacco (4 posters, ePoster discussion session)

**Oral Sessions:**
• Oral Health Research on Microbial and Immunological Technologies and the Effects on Cells (6 talks)
• Bioavailable Stannous Fluoride: in vitro and in vivo Efficacy on Plaque, Gingivitis, Erosion and Sensitivity (6 talks)
• Oral Health Behavior and Education Impacts (5 talks)
• Oral Health and Systemic Health Relationships (5 talks)
• Efficacy of different methods of mechanical plaque removal (4 talks)

**Symposia:**
The Oral Health Research Group was co-sponsoring 1 symposium:

*Raising Awareness on Minimally Invasive Approaches in Clinical Dentistry*
June 19, 8.30-10:00 AM
Location: CC, Room 110
Organizer(s): Aylin Baysan, John Featherstone

Sponsoring Group/Network(s): Cariology Research, Oral Health Research

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**OHRG New Website and LinkedIn Group**

Our new website is up and running and can be visited at: https://www.iadr.org/IADR/Join-Renew/Groups-Networks/Oral-Health-Research-Group. In addition, we do have a LinkedIn group to facilitate easier collaboration between meetings: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/12009849/

**Tips for managing your member profiles on the IADR website to obtain OHRG messages**

To make sure you will receive relevant E-Mails for the OHRG via the IADR server, please set the right options in the IADR Member Portal. To do this, log into the IADR Member Portal, select “Edit my profile” on member tools. On the My Profile Page to the right under Account Options, select “My Privacy Options” and make sure the box for “include me in membership emails” is ticked.

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**Duties of Officers**

*Based on the SGN Governing Handbook approved by IADR Council in 2017, below are the minimum OHRG officers’ responsibilities:*

**OHRG President**
The president is responsible for the administration of the OHRG. S/he ensures that each officer performs their duties as outlined and meets the needs of the membership. The President-Elect succeeds to this office.
• Preside over the annual membership meetings and any meetings of the Executive Committee.
• Prepares the agendas for the membership meetings and the Executive Committee meetings in a timely manner to be sent to other Executive Committee members for input in a timely manner.
• Arrangement of business meeting and/or reception in conjunction with IADR GHQ. The annual business meeting and/or reception offers an opportunity for networking within OHRG and developing future initiatives and leaders.
• Liaison with IADR Regions, Divisions, Sections
The IADR Regions, Divisions and Sections also hold meetings and may ask for assistance of the IADR SG/N in preparation of their local programs. The president will be the contact for any requests and may utilize all resources of the SG/N to meet the requests.
• Website & newsletter liaison
• Each SG/N should have a website. The IADR GHQ offers space to host a site. The president will work with the GHQ staff to keep content up to date. If the SG/N chooses to host a newsletter to the membership, the president will work with the GHQ to distribute to the SG/N membership.
• Recommend candidates for IADR Vice-president.
As a leader in a SG/N the president should recommend candidates annually for the office of IADR Vice-president
• Oversight of SG/N budget
• All officers have fiduciary responsibility for the SG/N.
• Submit “President's Message”, professional photograph, and other information to the President-Elect to be included in the Newsletter.
• Approve the annual Newsletter before it is submitted to IADR staff for electronic distribution.

**OHRG President Elect**
• Selection of Group Program Chairs, Session organizers and Abstract Reviewers for IADR General Session and AADR Annual Meeting with OHRG officer (executive committee) approval.
• The president-elect will be responsible for networking and identifying the GPC, session proposal organizers and reviewers for each General Session and/or Annual meeting. Nominations are ratified by the full SG/N officers. This is an important role in keeping the integrity of the science presented at the General Session.
• Website & newsletter liaison
• Oversight of SG/N budget

**OHRG Vice President (1-year term as VP, 1 as president-elect, 1 as president)**
• Solicit nominations for OHRG elected offices
• The Vice-president will be responsible for identifying candidates to stand for the 3 elected offices of OHRG (Vice President, and for the 2 positions when 3-year terms are expired: Secretary/Treasurer, IADR Councilor). Each SG/N will need at least 2 individuals to stand for election for each position.
• Selection of AADR Councilor to represent OHRG at AADR Council meeting. The Councilor to represent the SG/N at the AADR Council shall be appointed by the SG/N Vice-president. The AADR Councilor must be an AADR member in good standing.
• The Councilor for the IADR is elected by the OHRG membership.
• Oversight of SG/N budget
**OHRG Secretary/Treasurer (3-year term)**

- Completing annual report for GHQ.
  Per the IADR Constitution the SG/N is required to submit an annual report of activity to the GHQ. The report is shared with the Board and Council.
- Reporting on SG/N finances at business meeting.
  The GHQ will provide the SG/N Secretary/Treasurer quarterly updates on membership and on invoices. It is the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer to report at the annual meeting or via email to the membership how the SG/N resources are being utilized, i.e. awards, symposia sponsorship etc.
- Requesting invoices, payments on behalf of SG/N.
  The Secretary/Treasurer is the liaison with the GHQ for payments, invoices etc. that are required on behalf of the SG/N.
- Oversight of SG/N budget
- Take minutes during OHRG meeting at IADR/AADR Meeting(s).
- Disburse draft minutes to Executive Committee for review and editorial suggestions within one month of the related meeting.
- Submit draft minutes to President-elect for inclusion in the Newsletter that precedes the IADR meeting at which their approval will be voted on.
- Disburse Minutes at following OHRG Annual Meeting where they will be approved.

**OHRG Past-President**

The Immediate Past President shall support the current President. The Immediate Past President is a member of the Executive Committee and serves as Chair of the Nominating Committee.

- Support the president and help the President-Elect with the Newsletter.
- Chair the Nominations Committee made up of the President and the President-Elect.
- Submit nominations to the nominations committee.
- When the President is unable to preside over the annual IADR meeting, the Past President shall take on this responsibility.

**IADR Councilor**

- Represent OHRG at IADR Council Meeting
  The primary responsibility of the Councilor is to attend the IADR Council meeting and vote in a manner that is representative of the SG/N policies.
- Report to OHRG events arising from Council
  After the Council meeting the Councilor should report either via email or at the annual business meeting the issues arising from the Council.
- Science policy liaison
  The Councilor will also act as a liaison between the GHQ and OHRG on any science policy issues. The Councilor will work with the OHRG experts to provide feedback on any questions posed.
- Oversight of SG/N budget

All officers have an obligation to act in the best interest of the SG/N.

**OHRG officers will appoint annually Group Program Chairs (GPC), Session organizers and Abstract Reviewers to manage the SG/N content for the General Session and Annual Meeting. The GPCs, session proposal organizer and reviewers are vital to the success of the General Session.**

The responsibilities of the Program Chair and Program Chair-elect/Symposium Organizer are described below:
**OHRG Program Chair**

The Program Chair is responsible for the abstract review and scheduling into the IADR program. This is the second year of a two-year appointment; the first year is serving as Program Chair-Elect/Symposium Organizer. The Program Chair is a member of the Executive Committee. Specifically, the duties are:

- Serve as coordinator of abstract reviews and has final authority to accept or reject any abstract that they deem as being acceptable or unacceptable.
- Responsible for creating the scientific program sections with the Central Office.
- Coordinates and/or identifies topics and speakers for lunch & learns and workshops.
- Acts as one of the abstract reviewers and selects additional reviewers as necessary when the number of abstracts warrants it.
- Keeps reviewers informed of time requirements and deadlines for abstract reviews.
- Reviewer selection - It is recommended that members from different countries should be included.
- Attends IADR Group Program Chair meeting at the annual session.

**OHRG Program Chair-Elect / Symposium Coordinator**

The Program Chair Elect is responsible for organizing the OHRG Symposium in cooperation with IADR Symposium Organizers, the OHRG Program Chair, and the OHRG Executive Committee. The Program Chair Elect serves a two-year term with the second year serving as Program Chair. During this first year, the individual serves as a member of the Program Committee and may be an abstract reviewer. Generally, the duties are:

- Review submission deadlines.
- Presents topics to Executive Committee for approval, obtain approval of speakers.
- Seek out other groups to collaborate with, IADR encourages joint symposia
- Attend OHRG business meeting, participate in any ad hoc meetings, and attend symposium at IADR when possible.
- Arrange for speakers to prepare manuscripts for publication when appropriate.

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**2019 IADR OHR Group Awards**

**IADR Oral Health Research Young Investigator Travel Award**

The inaugural IADR Oral Health Research Young Investigator Travel Award was presented to Janet Ajdaharian, Roseman University of Health Sciences, College of Dental Medicine, South Jordan, UT. Ms. Ajdaharian was one of 20 submissions for the 2019 award. The study titled, *Gingival Cell Invasiveness is Differentially Regulated by e-cigarette Flavor and Nicotine Levels* (Abst #S1607), was presented at the poster discussion session on Thursday, June 20, 2019 between 3:45 pm and 5:00 pm.

Eligible attendees can apply for this award when they submit their abstract for review. Details are available at [https://www.iadr.org/IADR/Awards/Scientific-Group-Awards/OHR/YITA](https://www.iadr.org/IADR/Awards/Scientific-Group-Awards/OHR/YITA) or contact Sylvia Santos, incoming Award Committee Chair at sersantos@verizon.net.
IADR Colgate Oral Health Research Award

The 23rd IADR Colgate Oral Health Research Award was presented to Frances Genco. Mrs. Genco was one of the founding members of the OHRG that began in 1995 to support dental hygienist researchers. She has been involved in clinical research since 1985, supported and mentored young investigators, and elected to the OHRG board. Frances has held leadership positions for several corporations and conducted clinical trials domestically and internationally.

Dr. Marsha Butler, Vice President at Colgate-Palmolive saw a synergy with the group focusing on prevention and improving oral care for the public. Colgate has generously sponsored this award and group reception for the past 23 years. The OHRG sincerely appreciates the relationship with Colgate and Dr. Butler.

Respectfully submitted by Deborah Lyle, Award Committee Chair 2019