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1. Joining IADR

Please feel free to distribute this newsletter to colleagues. IADR is an important organisation and supports dental research internationally and locally in many different ways. Please consider joining or ensure you renew at www.iadr.com

2. Congratulations to IADR Award Recipients

On behalf of the ANZ Division, we would like to congratulate the following members who were recipients of an IADR Award, announced at the 2025 IADR/AADR/CADR General Session & Exhibition, Barcelona, Spain, 2025.

2025 IADR Distinguished Scientist Award

1. **John Greenspan Global Oral Health Research Award**

Loc Do, The University of Queensland

2. **Pulp Biology & Regeneration Award**

Ove A. Peters, The University of Queensland

3. **Young Investigator Award**

Santosh Tadakamadla, La Trobe University

4. **IADR Lion Dental Research Awards**

Thi Dao, The University of Queensland

(Behavioral, Epidemiologic, and Health Services Research)

IADR Hatton Awards

1. **Junior Category – First Place**

Elaine Xue, The University of Adelaide

This excellent achievement of our members highlights the extremely high-level of research across our Division.

You can view all of the 2025 IADR Award recipients presented at the 2025 IADR/AADR/CADR General Session & Exhibition on the following link:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CEWyZv_kPWQ

3. IADR ANZ Education Award:

The IADR ANZ Education Research Award has been approved, and the application will open in 2026. The award recognises outstanding, sustained contributions to dental and oral health education, celebrating scholarly outputs, policy or guideline work, invited teaching presentations or workshops, and innovative strategies or technologies; eligibility includes IADR members from the Australian and New Zealand Division who have not previously received the award (with exceptional provision for members outside the Division), and the recipient will be announced at the Division's Annual Meeting and presented with an inscribed medal noting the award name, recipient, and year

4. The New Executive Committee:

Announcing the newly elected Executive Committee: starting September 2025

Vice President

A/Prof Mihiri Silva, Dental School, University of Melbourne

Secretary

Dr Sonia Nath, Postdoctoral Researcher, Adelaide Dental School

5. IADR ANZ Colgate competition winners

The Colgate Poster Competition was held online, virtually, via Zoom on 26th August, 2025. Each section had up to two entries, one in the Junior category and one in the Senior category. The Junior and Senior winners became the Division's entries for the Hatton competition at the IADR General Session, San Diego, USA (22–25 June 2022). Congratulations to the winners.

Senior category:

1. Winner Abby Liu (Otago);
2. Runner up: Rishi Ramani (Melbourne)

Junior category:

1. Winner Calvin Chen (Otago);
2. Runner up: Heer Patel (Sydney)

6. IADR Mentor Mentee Programme

The second online workshop for the IADR-APR Mentor-Mentee Programme (Microbiology & Immunology) was held on March 27, 2025, led by an IADR-ANZ task force consisting of Jaya Seneviratne (IADR-ANZ Member), Paul Cooper (IADR-ANZ President), and May Mei (IADR-ANZ Secretary).

The three-hour workshop included presentations from mentees across the APR, as well as discussions and knowledge-sharing sessions from eminent mentors from around the world. The event attracted over 80 participants from across the APR.

7. Future Meetings

Future ANZ Division Meetings

“SAVE THE DATE”

2026 Perth (30th Sept – 3rd Oct)

2027 Melbourne (23rd June -26th June)

IADR International meetings

2026 San Diego, California, USA (25th-28th March)

2027 Melbourne, Australia (23rd June -26th June)



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10. IADR ANZ Division Website

Link: <https://www.iadr.org/ANZ>

For details on upcoming and past meetings, awards, membership, and division contacts, log into the IADR ANZ Division website to access event listings, executive information, and member resources tailored to the Australian and New Zealand community.