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MELVIN RECEIVES SALIVARY RESEARCH AWARD

Alexandria, Va. – Dr. James Melvin, Director of the Center for Oral Biology, University of Rochester, New York, is the recipient of the 2008 Salivary Research Award from the International Association for Dental Research (IADR), to be presented at its 86th General Session & Exhibition in Toronto, ON, Canada on July 2, 2008.

Having received his D.D.S. from Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, in 1978 and a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester in 1987, Dr. Melvin is widely recognized for his studies on ion transport mechanisms underlying fluid secretion. These include studies on transepithelial chloride movements and the subsequent excretion of fluid and electrolytes that requires coordinated regulation of multiple water and ion transporters and channel proteins.

Additionally, Dr. Melvin has studied the regulation of these transporters and channels and the molecular nature and function of ion transport proteins. His investigations have resulted in an extensive list of research publications and many contributions to monographs.

The IADR Salivary Research Award, supported by the Wm. Wrigley, Jr. Company, was designed to stimulate and recognize outstanding and innovative achievements that have contributed to the basic understanding of the salivary gland structure, secretion, and function, or salivary composition and function. It consists of a cash prize and a plaque, and is one of the 16 IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards, representing one of the highest honors bestowed by the IADR.

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