

# IADR Periodontal Research Group Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Washington State Convention Center, Room 611, Seattle, WA, USA  
March 21, 2013

## 1. Welcome and opening remarks (Phillip Preshaw)

The President, Prof. Phillip Preshaw, welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked the PRG Officers for their work during the past year.

*Minutes of last meeting.* Prof. Preshaw noted that the minutes from the 2012 PRG Business Meeting are available on the IADR/PRG website.

## 2. Announcement of PRG officers for the previous year and the forthcoming year (Phillip Preshaw)

The Office Bearers for 2012-2013 were:

President	Philip Preshaw, Newcastle, UK
President Elect	Shinya Murakami, Osaka, Japan
Secretary	Evie Lalla, New York, USA
Treasurer	Jack Spitznagel, Baltimore, USA
Councilor	Panos Papapanou, New York, USA
Group Program Chair	Iain Chapple, Birmingham, UK
Immediate Past President	Alpdogan Kantarci, Boston, USA

Prof. Philip Preshaw presented a proposal for the creation of a new officer position, coined Corporate Liaison. The duties of this officer would be to:

- Develop and manage relations between PRG and industry
- Identify and develop new funding opportunities for PRG awards
- Identify sponsorship opportunities for invited lectures participating in PRG symposia
- Identify sources of funding for satellite symposia organized by PRG

For the Corporate Liaison position, Jack Spitznagel, Baltimore, USA, was proposed. The group accepted the proposal; thus the Office Bearers for 2013-2014 will be:

President	Shinya Murakami, Osaka, Japan
President Elect	Evie Lalla, New York, USA
Secretary	<i>To be elected</i>
Treasurer	Alpdogan Kantarci, Boston, USA
Councilor	Panos Papapanou, New York, USA
Group Program Chair	Iain Chapple, Birmingham, UK
Immediate Past President	Philip Preshaw, Newcastle, UK
Corporate Liaison	Jack Spitznagel, Baltimore, USA

The candidates for the position of Secretary – this year to be elected from the European Region – were announced:

- Peter Eickholz, Frankfurt, Germany
- Lior Shapira, Tel-Aviv, Israel
- Andreas Stavropoulos, Malmö, Sweden

All PRG members present at the Business Meeting were invited to vote for the candidate of their choice.

### **3. Presidents' report (Philip Preshaw)**

The 2013 keynote address was given by Prof. Eric Reynolds, University of Melbourne, Australia. The title of the presentation was “Assembly and Virulence of the *Porphyromonas gingivalis* Surface Layer”, and was held on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2013.

The 2013 IADR Distinguished Scientist Award for Basic Research in Periodontal Disease (supported by Colgate Palmolive Co) was conferred to Prof. Shinya Murakami, Osaka University, Japan. Prof. Murakami will give the keynote address lecture during IADR 2014 in Cape Town, South Africa.

Prof. Preshaw announced proposed revisions to the PRG Constitution. There have been three prior versions of the PRG Constitution, in 1978, 1985, and 2000. The main changes in the current revision of the Constitution include:

- Simplification of membership rules
- Definition of duties and length of service of PRG officers
- Definition of the agenda items for PRG Annual Business meetings
- Definition of details for the various awards

The group accepted the proposed changes.

Finally, Prof. Preshaw announced that, going forward, South America will be included into the annual rotation of territories from which the new secretary of PRG is selected. Thus, the following rotation scheme will be in effect:

- Europe (2013)
- Asia/Pacific (2014)
- South America (2015)
- North America (2016)

### **4. Secretary's Report (Evie Lalla)**

The secretary, Prof. Evie Lalla presented the following summary report:

#### a. PRG membership data

PRG membership data in the past 5 years was as follows:

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013*</b>
Life members	4	5	13	13	11
Members	448	576	522	525	446
Student members	274	256	387	551	356
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>922</b>	<b>1089</b>	<b>813</b>

\* as of March 2013

**b. Educational offers organized by the PRG**

There were 5 Lunch and Learn sessions in 2013. Prof. Lalla gratefully acknowledged the contribution of all presenters.

a. Periodontal therapy and glycemic control in diabetes: what is the evidence?

Steve P. Engebretson, *New York, NY, USA*

b. Molecular dissection of the periodontal ligament: transcriptome approaches for periodontal ligament research

Satoru Yamada, *Osaka, Japan*

c. Epigenetic regulation of gene expression in periodontal diseases

Silvana P. Barros, *Chapel Hill, NC, USA*

d. Neutrophil defensins: Less (the good), more (the bad), and much more (the ugly)

Ulvi Kahraman Gürsoy, *Turku, Finland*

e. Th17 pathways in mucosal surveillance and inflammation

Niki Moutsopoulos, *Bethesda, MD, USA*

**5. GPC report (Ian Chapple)**

The Group Program Chair, Prof. Iain Chapple, presented the following summary report:

a. In 2013, two symposia were sponsored or co-sponsored by the PRG.

*Periodontal diseases: what have we learnt from OMICS research?*

Organizers: Philip Preshaw (UK), Purnima Kumar (USA)

(co-sponsored by Microbiology/Immunology Group) - March 20, 2013

Speakers

J Frias-Lopez, The Forsyth Institute (USA)

W. Giannobile, University of Michigan (USA)

P. Kumar, Ohio State University (USA)

W.G. Wade, King's College (UK)

*Defining and interpreting outcomes in periodontal clinical trials*

Organizers: Philip Preshaw (UK), Andrea Monbelli (Switzerland) - March 21, 2013

Speakers

- P. Hujoel, University of Washington (USA)
- R.P. Teles, The Forsyth Institute (USA)
- A. Mombelli, University of Geneva (Switzerland)
- A. Sculean, University of Bern (Switzerland)

b. Prof. Chapple thanked the following subject area GPCs and reviewers for their invaluable contribution to the challenging task of reviewing all abstracts submitted to the PRG:

*Group Program Chairs (by subject area)*

- Thomas Dietrich                      Diagnosis/Epidemiology
- Philip Preshaw                      Pathogenesis
- Ricardo Teles                      Therapy

*Abstract Reviewers (by subject area)*

- Thomas Kocher                      Diagnosis/Epidemiology
- Kazuhisa Yamazaki                      Diagnosis/Epidemiology
- Nagihan Bostanci                      Diagnosis/Epidemiology
- Anders Gustafsson                      Pathogenesis
- Flavia Teles                      Pathogenesis
- George Belibasakis                      Pathogenesis
- Hatice Hasturk                      Therapy
- Hector Rios                      Therapy
- Cristina Villar                      Therapy

Details of abstract numbers regarding the 2013 Annual Meeting are shown in the following table:

	<b>Submitted</b>	<b>Rejected</b>	<b>Oral</b>	<b>Poster</b>
Diagnosis/ Epidemiology	89	0 (0%)	18 (20%)	71 (80%)
Pathogenesis	142	3 (2.1%)	35 (25%)	104 (73%)
Therapy	122	3 (2.5%)	29 (24%)	90 (74%)
<b>PRG totals</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>6 (1.7%)</b>	<b>82 (23%)</b>	<b>265 (75%)</b>
IADR totals	4429	4.3%	22%	73%

**6. Treasurer's Report** (Jack Spitznagel)

The Treasurer, Dr. Spitznagel, delivered a summary of the financial status of the PRG. Annual dues are currently \$20 per member. As of the last annual report (12/31/11) the

balance in the account was \$15,856.29 The current balance, as of 28/02/13, was \$17,183.94

2013 MEETING FINANCIAL REPORT		
Periodontal Research Group		
U.S. Fed ID# 52-1608852		
Amount of annual dues per member		\$20.00
Fund balance as of last annual report (12/31/11)		\$15,856.29
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	\$5,591.00	
<a href="#">Contributions and Grants (List separately)</a> <sup>1</sup>	\$4,980.00	
<a href="#">Other (List separately)</a> <sup>2</sup>	\$2,100.00	
<b>Total Income</b>		\$12,671.00
<b>Expenditures</b>		
<a href="#">Grants, Awards, &amp; Fellowships to Organizations and Individuals outside of the US (List recipients)</a> <sup>5</sup>	5,500.00	
Conferences, Conventions, Meetings, and Receptions	\$5,436.92	
Bank Charges	\$80.00	
Plaques	\$326.43	
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		\$11,343.35
<b>Current fund balance as of 02/28/13</b>		\$17,183.94

**7. Councilor’s report** (Alp Kantarci, on behalf of Panos Papapanou)

Prof. Kantarci offered a report on issues discussed at the IADR & AADR Councilors’ meetings. He informed members that four new IADR Scientific Groups were established:

- Clinical and Translational Science
- Global Oral Health Inequalities Research
- Pediatric Oral Health Research
- Stem Cell Biology

In addition, two new sections were established: the Lebanese and the Tunisian section.

Overall, IADR Membership has grown and the biggest growth is observed in Latin America. A new membership category, coined Affiliate Member, with slightly reduced member benefits compared to the standard Membership was established. Last year’s meeting in Iguacu Falls, Brazil was among the biggest in IADR history, with more than 4,500 attendees and over 3,000 presentations. The increase in membership and the large attendance last year contributed to a healthy financial status for the IADR.

For the first time, a new pre-congress symposium, the IADR Academy, was held a day prior to the General Session. It was organized by the Center for Global Oral Health, University of Washington and was aiming at junior faculty and young investigators with

some previous experience in clinical research. The symposium was interactive and some advanced and/or specialized clinical research methodology topics were addressed.

The existence of a Mentoring Program, as part of the IADR Regional Development Program that aims to encourage a sustainable research infrastructure in developing regions was mentioned. This Program provides support for established scientists to work on site with students/developing researchers for various periods of time.

Prof. Kantarci informed the group about the IADR-GOHIRA (Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Agenda) initiative, with the key objective to articulate a research agenda to generate the evidence for a strategy that, if properly implemented, will reduce inequalities in oral health within a generation. GOHIRA had been presented in an editorial in the *Journal of Dental Research* by Sgan-Cohen et al. (2013) and the Periodontal Disease Task Group Chair is Dr. Li Jian Jin, Hong Kong. Further, Prof. Kantarci informed the group briefly about the IADR – FDI collaboration.

The *Journal of Dental Research* continues to hold the #1 Eigen Factor Score in its category, according to the 2012 Scientific Impact Factor rankings. It increased its two-year Scientific Impact Factor (SIF) from 3.486 to 3.826, and also increased its ranking to #2 among 82 journals published in the “Dentistry, Oral Surgery & Medicine” category. A special Issue on Clinical Research in Implant Dentistry is planned, and the deadline for manuscript submission is June 11, 2013.

From the AADR Council meeting it was reported that there are efforts to combine ADEA and AADR. Also, that the possibilities for collaborative events between AAP and PRG, e.g. a research day/forum/session for AAP awardees in IADR/AADR, which could be expanded to include other Periodontology organizations globally, like the EFP, were discussed. Similarly, the possibilities for joint meetings with non-AAADR groups, with targeted audience and focused themes (e.g. diabetes, smoking, HIV, regenerative medicine, microbiome) were discussed.

Further, at the AADR Council meeting possible initiatives for getting more engagement by educators, deans, and dental schools in AADR/IADR governance & meetings were discussed. There is a need to increase IADR membership and possibilities were discussed. The PRG sets a good example by engaging more students, adding/reaching out more geographical locations globally, and expanding the base for serving on the board.

Prof. Kantarci concluded by announcing the winners of the following awards:

- Sigmund Socransky Young Investigator Award  
Dr. Darnell Kaigler, Jr., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, USA
- Past Presidents’ Travel Award (sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Co)  
Dr. Moritz Kepschull, University of Bonn, Germany

## **8. Presentation of other awards**

Prof. Chapple announced the winner of the Philips Oral Health Care Young Investigator Research Grant, which was Dr. Mervi Gürsoy, University of Turku, Finland.

Prof. Preshaw announced the winner of the IADR/Straumann Award in Regenerative Periodontal Medicine, which was Prof. Andreas Stavropoulos, University of Malmö, Sweden.

**9. Announcement of the results of election of new secretary (Philip Preshaw)**

The President, Prof. Preshaw, announced the results of the vote for the new secretary. Ballots had been distributed earlier in the business meeting, and all members present were asked to indicate their first preference. Ballots were collected, counted, and scrutinized by the Secretary, the President Elect, and the Immediate Past President.

Prof Preshaw announced that following the counting of all votes, Prof. Andreas Stavropoulos, University of Malmö, Sweden had been duly elected as the new secretary for 2013-2014.

**10. New President’s Address (Shinya Murakami)**

The incoming President of the PRG, Prof. Shinya Murakami, presented a recognition plaque to outgoing president Prof. Philip Preshaw.

Prof. Murakami also thanked the PRG Board and all sponsors for their support, and congratulated the award recipients and the newly elected Secretary. He stated that he is honored to become the president of the PRG and that he is looking forward to working together with the rest of the office bearers to serve the group.

**11. Future Meetings**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Meeting</b>
2013 June 7-9	Hong Kong	IAP
2013 August 27-31	Istanbul, Turkey	FDI
2013 Sep 3-4	Nara, Japan	APSP
2014 March 19-22	Charlotte, North Carolina, USA	AADR CADR
2014 June 25-28	Cape Town, South Africa	IADR
2015 March 11-14	Boston, Massachusetts, USA	IADR/AADR/CADR
2015 June 4-6	London, UK	Europeperio 8

**12. Other**

Before adjourning the 2013 Business Meeting, Prof. Murakami called for submissions for the 2014 IADR General Session in Cape Town. Lunch & Learn ideas should be submitted to the Secretary and symposium ideas to the President and GPC.