



## January 2019 Newsletter

### Message from the WISN President

It is with great pleasure and enthusiasm that we bring you this first WISN newsletter to celebrate our accomplishments in 2018 and highlight what is yet to come in 2019.

We hope that you all had a chance to participate in the WISN-sponsored activities during both AADR and IADR meetings in Fort Lauderdale and London, respectively. We also appreciate your responses to the post-meeting survey sent out last Fall. Based on your feedback, we are able to better plan for future WISN activities. In addition to WISN highlights, this newsletter also contains important information about WISN awards and nomination instructions.

I hope that you enjoy the newsletter, and see you in Vancouver.

Sincerely,

Ariadne Letra  
WISN President 2018-2019

***“The Women in Science Network aims to serve the need for promoting the interests of women, communication, research collaboration and career mentoring among – but not restricted to – female members.”***

For more information, see our website:

<http://www.iadr.org/IADR/Join-Renew/Groups-and-Networks/Women-In-Science>



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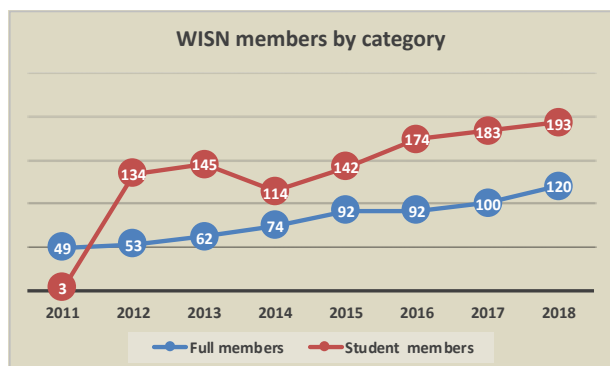
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## WISN Membership

Thanks to all our members for supporting the WISN activities. Our WISN membership has steadily increased in the last few years, and we would like to see it grow even more. Please remember to tell your colleagues about WISN, and feel free to share this newsletter with them.



## 2018 in Review: AADR Fort Lauderdale and IADR London

We had a busy year with numerous WISN-sponsored sessions at both AADR and IADR meetings, many of which were co-sponsored by additional scientific group(s)/network(s).

**Many thanks...** to our hosts, guest speakers, and attendees for your participation in WISN activities!

Below is a snapshot of WISN sessions presented at each of the meetings:

AADR 2018		
	Title(s)	Host(s) and Speaker(s)
SYMPOSIUM	Continuing and Supporting your Research	Janice Lee and Lynn King (NIDCR), Greg Gilbert and Tanner Godfrey (UAB), Teresa Dolan (Dentsply Sirona)
	Satellite Faculty Development Workshop	David Drake (U Iowa), Effie Ioannidou (U Conn) and guests
HOW	Overcoming Implicit Bias in the Dental Research Workforce	Seun Ajiboye (AADR), George Taylor (UCSF), Janetta Lun (NIDCR)
Poster Session		
Business meeting		

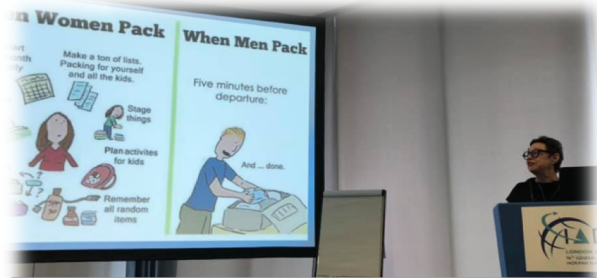
Our business meetings and reception were also a huge success and generated a platform for discussion on various topics in line with the WISN mission and networking.

IADR 2018		
	Title(s)	Host(s) and Speaker(s)
SYMPOSIUM	Increase Your Proficiency in Carrying Out Effective Peer Reviews	Effie Ioannidou (U Conn), Jocelyne Feine (McGill U), Jack Ferracane (Oregon U), William Giannobile (U Mich)
	Sticking together: a tale of two oral microbiologists	Patricia Diaz (U Conn), Angela Nobbs and Howard Jenkinson (U Bristol), Hui Wu (UAB), Nick Jakubovics (Newcastle U), Robert Palmer (NIDCR), Richard Lamont (U Louisville)
	Implementation research in dentistry: Can psychological theory be a useful tool?	Koula Asimakopoulou (King's College London), Sarah Baker (U Sheffield), Wendy Gnich, Heather Buchanan (U Nottingham)
	Gene Discoveries in Craniofacial Anomalies and Oral Inflammatory Conditions	Ariadne Letra, Jacqueline Hecht, Renato Silva (UTHSC), Alexandre Vieira (U Pitt)
	Oral health disparities: Focus on modifiable social determinants	Tamanna Tiwari (UC Denver), Sarah Baker (U Sheffield), Judith Albino (UC Denver), Natalia Challmers (NIDCR), Astha Singhal (Boston U)
	Gender bias in scholarly activity: An evidence-based approach	Effie Ioannidou (U Conn), Flavia Teles (U Penn), Jocelyne Feine (McGill U), William Giannobile (U Mich), Lisa Heitz-Mayfield (U Sydney), Niklaus Lang (Barts & London U), David Watts (U Manchester), Mariano Sanz (U)
	Harassment in Science: Steps to no Tolerance	Effie Ioannidou (U Conn), Ariadne Letra (UTHSC), Flavia Teles (U Penn), Luciana Shaddox (UK), Pamela Zarkowski (U Detroit), Nikolaos Donos (Barts & London U), Mangala Patel (Queen Mary U), Lone Schou (U Singapore)
	Caries Management in Minimally Invasive Way: Biological Aspects	Ivana Miletic (U Zagreb), John Nicholson (Queen Mary London U), Tamara Peric (U Belgrade), Matteo Basso (U Milan), Elizabeta Gjorgievska (Cyril and Methodius U)
HOW	Priming Women for Success In Dental Research	Flavia Teles (U Penn), Tamanna Tiwari (UC Denver), Liz Kay (Plymouth U)
Poster Session		
Business meeting and awards presentation		
Joint reception with OMS group		

## Meeting Highlights:



**IADR2018.** Dr. Ferracane led the workshop "Increasing your proficiency in carrying out effective peer-reviews".



**IADR2018.** Dr. Feine talked about “Gender bias in scholarly activities”.



**IADR2018.** Dr. Nikolaos Donos presented about UK’s policies on sexual harassment (left). Dr. Larry Tabak (NIH) participated in discussion presenting on NIH’s initiatives on the topic.

## 2018 WISN Awards

Congratulations to Magda Feres and Elena Calciolari for winning the 2018 WISN Distinguished Female Mentor and Distinguished Research Award, respectfully. The awards were presented during the WISN business meeting at IADR.



**IADR2018.** WISN Vice-President Flavia Teles presented the awards to Magda Feres (left) and Elena Calciolari (right).

**Nominations to the 2019 WISN Research and Mentor awards are *due by January 31, 2019!***

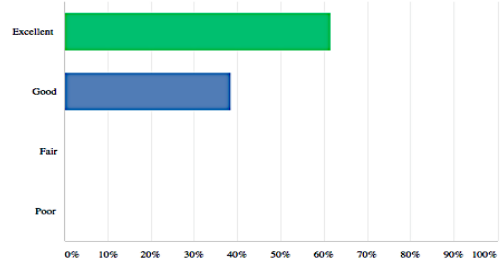
For more information, see our website: <http://www.iadr.org/IADR/Awards/Scientific-Group-Awards/WISN>

A new WISN young talent student award is also coming soon!

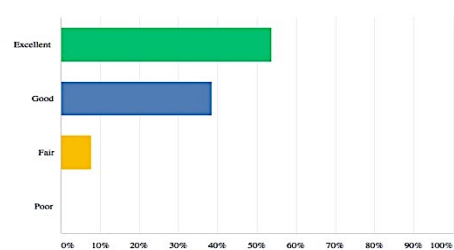
## 2018 Post-Meeting Survey

We appreciate your responses to the post-meeting survey sent out last Fall. Based on your feedback, we will be able to better plan our future WISN activities. A few results from the survey follow below:

**How would you rate the organization of the sessions sponsored by WISN during IADR 2018?**



**How would you rate the format of the sessions sponsored by WISN during IADR 2018?**



**Are there any topics you would like to see addressed in future meetings?**

- How to combat harassment
- Women leaders in dental research...role models and mentors
- Female dentists in
- Interprofessional educational research as it pertains to gender and sex
- Conflict resolution in the workplace

**In your opinion, which are the areas that the WISN could further develop and/or improve?**

- Activities are nice, unfortunately no so popular among women from east Asia
- More sessions, repeat those sessions so more people can attend
- The continuous communication
- Research on gender and sex...not just women
- Inclusion/recognition of other groups that lack power due to gender differences
- Increase number of male members
- Involve more the members (more newsletters, activities)

## SAVE THE DATE!



IADR/AADR/CADR General Session & Exhibition  
 Vancouver, BC, Canada - June 19-22, 2019

Below follows a brief snapshot of WISN activities planned for the 2019 IADR/AADR/CADR meeting in Vancouver! Please stay tuned for more information to be sent out prior to the meeting.

AADR/IADR 2019	
HOW	Tenure x Non-Tenure: Which Career Track is Right for You?
	Sage Advice for Navigating a Research-Focused Career
	Satellite Symposium: Increase Your Proficiency in Carrying Out Effective Peer-reviews
L&L	Scientific Discovery and the Translational Effort in Dentistry
	Understanding the Role of Extracellular Matrix in Mineralized Tissue Homeostasis
SYMPOSA	Oral Health Inequalities in Immigrants: Challenges and Solutions
	Wake-up Call – Dental Sleep Medicine Is Here to Stay!”
	The Future of Dentistry as Part of a Learning Health System?
	The Challenges in Rehabilitating the Dentin-Pulp Complex
	Localized Aggressive Periodontitis: why is this a different entity?
	Harassment in Science: Steps to No-tolerance
	Building Translational Bridges for Oral Health Science, Evidence-based Policy and Clinical Practice
Poster Session	
Business meeting and awards presentation	
Joint reception with MI group	

Importantly, please plan to attend our **business meeting** to share your ideas and network with group members. We will also present our WISN award winners and solicit nominations to elect a Group Program Coordinator for next year.

Our **reception** will follow immediately after the business meeting, in partnership with the Microbiology/Immunology group. Details on the date/time/location to be sent out at a later date.

## Welcome to our Industry Liaison

Lyndsay Schaeffer-Korbylo, Senior Technical Associate at Colgate-Palmolive, Co., has accepted to join the WISN as an industry liaison. Thank you and welcome!

## SPECIAL THANKS...

...to DentaQuest Institute and Colgate-Palmolive Co. for their donations in support of WISN activities!

