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## **Richard Cannon Named Recipient of the IADR Distinguished Scientist Research in Oral Biology Award**

**Alexandria, VA, USA, June 22, 2022** – The International Association for Dental Research (IADR) announced that **Richard Cannon, University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand**, is the recipient of the **IADR Distinguished Scientist Research in Oral Biology Award**. Cannon was recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of the virtual 100<sup>th</sup> General Session & Exhibition of the IADR, held in conjunction with the 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Asia Pacific Region on June 20-25, 2022.

Cannon is a molecular microbiologist interested in how microorganisms cause oral diseases and in how treatments for patients with these diseases can be improved. His research has a number of themes, one being oral adhesion. He is interested in how oral microbes, particularly yeast, adhere and colonize surfaces in the oral cavity.

He has found that saliva increases the adhesion of the yeast *Candida albicans* to several oral surfaces, including denture acrylics and voice prosthesis silicone. He is interested in the formation of oral biofilms, how microorganisms communicate within biofilms, and ways of inhibiting pathogenic biofilm formation.

Sponsored by Church & Dwight Company, the Research in Oral Biology Award is one of the 17 IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards and is one of the highest honors bestowed by IADR. The award consists of a monetary award and plaque and recognizes outstanding research in the field of oral biology.

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