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CRANIOFACIAL RESEARCH

**Oral Health Research Group** is committed to the improvement of global Oral Health and Oral Health-related quality of life (OHRQoL) through research in the areas of prevention of oral diseases, evidence-based interventions, and therapies that promote wellness.

<https://www.iadr.org/OHR>

## Winter 2023-2024

### *President's Message*

Dear Oral Health Research Colleagues and Friends,

It has been a privilege serving as your president this past year. For the second year following the pandemic, we find ourselves fortunate to meet together in-person in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, March 13-16, 2024, for the 102nd General Session & Exhibition. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the 53rd Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research and the 48th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research!

With four full days of oral and poster presentations, Hands-on Workshops, Lunch & Learning Sessions, Keynote Addresses, and Symposia, this year's meeting will offer an extensive and diverse array of research and the opportunity to expand your professional network and make new connections.

During our business meeting on Thursday, March 14 at 5:30 PM, we will welcome new members of the group and new committee members. We will offer our gratitude to outgoing members of our leadership board. We will also recognize and celebrate the 2024 IADR OHRG AWARDS recipients, specifically: the Colgate Oral Health Research Award, Oral Health Research Group Young Investigators Travel Award, Oral Health Research Sustainability Award, and the Lion Research Award. Immediately following the meeting, please join us for a reception, sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Company, and take advantage of the opportunity to create new connections and strengthen existing professional relationships.

On Saturday, March 16, we secured a keynote speaker address from Professor Damar Else Slot of Academic Center for Dentistry Amsterdam (ACTA), Amsterdam, Netherlands. She will challenge us to consider and critique the current evidence of oral self-care technologies, ingredients, and systems to identify the scientific validity that will drive our patient recommendations for optimal oral health prevention strategies. In addition, OHRG has 102 scientific presentations during the four-day general session.

- 3 oral sessions:
  - Wednesday, March 13, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, Room 281; Oral Hygiene Agents and Devices Including Evaluations in Children.
  - Thursday, March 14, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM, Room 271; Oral Health and Systemic Conditions.
  - Saturday, March 16, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM, Room 271; Keynote address: Dagmar Slot "Current Evidence of Oral Self-Care".

- 6 Poster Sessions:
  - Thursday, March 14, 11 AM – 12:15 PM, CC-Hall J, Systemic Conditions and Diseases and Oral Health Status, Poster #s 0574–058.
  - Thursday, March 14, 3:45 – 5:00 PM, CC-Hall J, Toothpastes and Toothbrushes, Poster #s 1162–1175.
  - Friday, March 15, 11 AM – 12:15 PM, CC-Hall J, Oral Microecosystem Investigations, Poster #s 1586–1594.
  - Friday, March 15, 3:45 – 5:00 PM, CC-Hall J, Quality of Life, Social Factors, and Technology, Poster #s 2044–2054.
  - Saturday, March 16, 11 AM – 12:15 PM, CC-Hall J, Fluoride, Mouth Rinses, and Chewing Gum, Poster #s 2509–2524.
  - Saturday, March 16, 3:45 – 5:00 PM, CC-Hall J, Management of Oral Conditions, Posters 2934-2947.
- 12 co-sponsored Symposia:
  - Partnership in Health Systems Strengthening
  - NIDCR75: Dental Caries: Understanding Microbial Etiology and Caries Management
  - Periodontitis and Cardiovascular Diseases: Novel Approaches Using “Omics” and AI
  - NIDCR75: Dental Caries: Connecting Health Disparities to Interventions
  - Designing a Nutrition Curriculum for Oral and Systemic Health
  - NIDCR75: Understanding Sjögren’s Disease - From SICCA to AMP-AIM/STAMP
  - Smart Functional Biomaterials for Biofilm Control
  - Vaping Reshapes Oral Microenvironments: Exposure, Inflammation, Clinical Outcome
  - Planning Oral Health Interventions in People with Developmental Disabilities
  - Strategies to Support Early Career Researchers to Engage Underrepresented Groups
  - Study Design Trumps Analysis in Observational Research
  - Emerging Technologies for Caries Management: The Case for Hydroxyapatite
- 1 co-sponsored Hands on Workshop: Mastering Best practices for Interacting with Child Dental Patients
- 1 Lunch & Learn: Minimizing the Impacts of Cognitive Impairment in Oral Health Research (co-sponsored with Behavioral, Epidemiologic, and Health Services Research Group, Clinical and Translational Science Network, Geriatric Oral Research Group).
- 1 co-sponsored Hands on Workshop at IADR Satellite Symposium Design and Conduct of Clinical Trials.

I want to offer special thanks to our abstract reviewers Marilyn Rothen, Group Program Chair, Chun Wang (Reinhard) Chau, Lamis Abuhaloob, Ann Spolarich, Ellen Guritzky, Alyson Axe, and Tara Foure, Session Proposal Coordinator, who reviewed 109 abstracts to accept 102 and arranged this year’s OHRG program.

In addition to all of that, OHRG leadership is always committed to networking with IADR groups and regional networks, as well as developing future webinars to encourage worldwide knowledge exchange. I have been fortunate to work with OHRG's leadership team, and I am genuinely grateful for their consistency and support in maintaining high work quality.

I am confident that you will enjoy these scientific offerings while also enhancing your professional network connections.

With kind regards,

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Our group sponsored 34 research papers as interactive talks and we co-sponsored 4 symposia and one hands-on workshop during the June 14-24, 2023, IADR/LAR General Session & Exhibition in Bogota, Colombia. During our virtual meeting, we presented the following awards to members in our group. Two of the members, YinLi Lie and Aline Castilho, were present in Bogota to meet with Kim Milleman and receive personal acknowledgement of their achievements

## 2023 OHRG Awards

We want to congratulate the 2023 award recipients. The awards were presented during the 2023 IADR/LAR General Session & Exhibition (Bogota, Colombia).

- **IADR Oral Health Research Young Investigators Travel Award** is supported by OHRG to encourage and support young investigators to conduct research in the area of improving oral health globally.

**Recipient: Yinli Liu, Academic Centre for Dentistry Amsterdam (ACTA), Netherlands**

**Abstract Title:**  
**Effects Of Chemotherapeutic Toothpaste By Orthodontic Patients With Fixed Appliances**

- **IADR 'Sustainability In Oral Health' Research Award sponsored by a donation from HALEON**

*Supports work that encourages environmental sustainability with new actives, behavior changes, manufacturing or packaging.*

***Our first time awarding this prize!***

**Recipient: ALINE CASTILHO, DDS, MS, PhD, Piracicaba Dental School, University of Campinas Piracicaba, SP, Brazil**

**Abstract Title:**  
**Antibiofilm and mucoadhesive potential of semi-solid formulations containing natural compounds**

- **27<sup>th</sup> IADR Colgate Oral Health Research Award**

This award is sponsored by Colgate-Palmolive Co. and acknowledges a distinguished OHRG member with a body of meritorious research, with preference given to a Dental Hygienist. The recipient is recognized for original research in the area of oral health which can include a broad array of basic, clinical, and applied studies related to strategies for the prevention of oral disease and the promotion of wellness.

**Recipient: Marilyn Rothen, RDH, MS  
Regional Clinical Dental Research Center, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, USA**



YinLi Liu and Kim Milleman



Aline Castilho and Kim Milleman



Following the meeting in Bogota, the Executive Committee agreed to increase the award compensation for Oral Health Research Group Young Investigators Travel Award from \$1,000 to \$1500 for meeting to assist with travel to a meeting site that is on the same continent as the applicant's residence and from \$1500 to \$2000 for travel to a different continent. For 2024, we had 20 applicants for the award and we selected two recipients! Check out our award opportunities detailed at <https://www.iadr.org/OHR>. Deadlines for awards application for the 2025 meeting will correspond with the meeting abstract submission deadline of January 24, 2025.

## ***2024-2025 New Officers:***

The following officers will be installed during the business meeting in New Orleans:

<b>President</b>	Ann Spolarich
<b>President-elect</b>	Ellen Guritzky
<b>Vice President:</b>	Kimberly Milleman
<b>Interim Secretary Treasurer</b>	Lamis Abuhaloob
<b>Group Program Chair:</b>	Marilynn L. Rothen
<b>Proposal Coordinator:</b>	Tara Fourre

## ***Call for Nominations, new OHRG officer positions***

For 2025, we will be seeking nominations for the following positions which will commence following the 2025 IADR meeting. IADR will distribute an email notification to our group requesting nominations and will provide specific instructions for submitting biographies and position qualifications:

- Secretary/Treasurer: 2025-2028
- Vice President: 2025-2026
- IADR Councilor: 2025-2028

## ***2025 IADR/PER General Session & Exhibition***

2025 IADR/PER General Session & Exhibition will be held in Barcelona Spain June 25, 2025 – June 28, 2025.

## ***2025 AADOCR/CADR Annual Meeting & Exhibition***

2025 AADOCR/CADR will be held in New York, NY March 12, 2025 – March 15, 2025.

## ***Tell Us When Your Research is Published***

Again, the OHRG Executive Committee asks each of their members to inform us once their abstract contributions to IADR sessions are published as full papers so that we can track our group's scientific contribution to the research community. Please send an email to [aspolarich@atsu.edu](mailto:aspolarich@atsu.edu).

In closing, we want to hear from you! Let us know how we can support you and your research efforts and professional growth. We welcome your participation and engagement! Please contact any of the 2024 officers with ideas, suggestions and comments. Emails are provided in the collection of officer names.