

## **Periodontal Research Group of the IADR**

**Minutes for the Annual Business Meeting held in Miami, Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 at 5.00pm**

### **1. Open and Welcome to all Members (WG)**

Prof Will Giannobile welcomed the members and thanked the committee for all their support during the last 12-months.

### **2. Minutes of last meeting (WG)**

The minutes from the 2009 meeting will be available online at:

<http://dentalresearch.i4a.com/i4a/pages/Index.cfm?pageID=3661>

### **3. Office bearers for 2009/2010 (WG)**

- President: Anton Sculean, Bern, Switzerland
- President Elect: Ivan Darby, Melbourne, Australia
- Secretary: Alp Kantarci, Boston, USA
- Treasurer: Jack Spitznagel, Baltimore, USA
- Councillor: Panos Papapanou, Columbia, New York, USA
- Group Programme Chair: Denis Kinane, Louisville, USA
- Immediate Past President: Will Giannobile, Michigan, USA

### **4. President's report (WG)**

Distinguished speaker lecture was given by Prof K Nakajama. The distinguished scientist for basic research in periodontal disease award was won by Dr Lior Shapira. He noted the sad passing of Harald Löe.

### **5. Secretary's Report (ID)**

The secretary presented and circulated a summary report and highlighted the increase in active members. 2009 saw a decrease in active members to 726 (519 members of IADR or AADR) by 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Number of lifetime members was 4 and of student members was 274. There was a slight decrease in the total number of abstracts submitted [353 vs 372 in Toronto]. The acceptance rate of 94.61% was slightly higher compared to 94.1% in Toronto. There were 98 submitted and 90 accepted abstracts in Diagnosis/Epidemiology; 158 submitted and 152 accepted abstracts in Pathogenesis, and 97 and 92 accepted abstracts in Therapy.

### **6. Programme and Symposium Chair's Report (DK)**

Denis Kinane thanked the abstract reviewers for 2009 (Nikos Donos, Peter Heasman, Anton Sculean, Anders Gustafsson, Ana Dongari-Batzoglu, Philip Preshaw, Panos Papapanou, Christoph Ramseier & Thomas Kocher). Dr Lior Shapira will present the distinguished lecture in 2010. Denis particularly thanked Prof Francis Hughes for his many years of chairing the pathogenesis abstract reviews.

He also outlined the following future meetings as listed in Section 14. He pointed out in particular EuroPerio6 and also the Gordon Conference later this year.

Dr. Sanz mentioned that he would run a symposium at the Barcelona meeting on Cardiovascular and Oral Disease. Please email Dr. Kinane with any ideas on symposia for the Washington or Barcelona meeting soon.

## **7. Treasurer's Report (JS)**

Jack Spitznagel delivered the brief outline which included all the significant points and indicated a very stable financial position for the PRG.

As of last annual report (12/31/08) the balance in the account was \$20,481.40. The only Outgoing since the last report was \$9,359.64 for Reception.

## **8. Election of new secretary (North America) (WG)**

The president, Prof Giannobile, indicated that a new secretary needed to be elected and we were fortunate to have 3 nominations. He also noted the substantial expansion in periodontal research from South America and it was agreed that this area be added to that of Asia/Pacific. The rotation will now be Europe(2010-11), Asia/Pacific/South America (2011-12) and North America (2012-13). Ballots were distributed by the outgoing secretary and members were asked to indicate their first preference. The nominees were:

Ricardo Teles,  
Alp Kantarci &  
Thomas Oates

The secretary collected and counted all the ballots scrutinised by the President-elect while the meeting continued.

## **9. 2010 Programme Barcelona, Spain (WG)**

The President called for submissions for the Barcelona meeting. Lunch and learning ideas to the secretary and symposium ideas to Prof Kinane. The deadlines are 1<sup>st</sup> August 2009.

## **10. Councillor's Report (MS for PP)**

The IADR council met on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. The following items of note were discussed:

- JDR is about a month behind schedule
- No board member may accept a distinguished scientist award during their term
- The three nominees for Vice-President are Mary MacDougall, Jukka Meurman and Lakshman Samaranayake
- An application by the Syrian Society for Dental Research was accepted
- The term networks was added to groups, group chapters to reflect the cross-discipline nature of some research
- General Sessions will now be planned 5 years in advance
- The investment portfolio of the IADR lost value in the recent stock exchange falls
- The board tested an interactive quiz with the council to gauge their feelings on a number of issues.

## **11. The 12th Annual Anthony Rizzo Periodontal Research Award (PP)**

There were seven nominations this year and the winner was Dr Francesco D'Aiuto. Unsuccessful applicants were urged to apply next year if they were still eligible.

## 12. The Past Presidents Award (PP)

Prof Papapanou reported on the award, noting that the Past Presidents' Award has been generously sponsored since its inception by Colgate-Palmolive. This year's winner was Dr Chan Ho Park. Dr. Papapanou expressed also his thanks to the reviewers.

## 13. The Third Philips Oral Healthcare/PRG Young Investigator Research Grant (IC)

After thanking Phillips for their generous support for the last three years and noting what a difference this award had made to the careers of previous winners, Prof Chapple announced the result. Dr Nagihan Bostanci was awarded with this grant. He introduced the first 2 winners who were present in the audience, Dr Faming Chen from X'ian China and Dr Moritz Kebschull from Columbia, and pointed out that their first manuscripts were already printed and/or impress, with due acknowledgement to Philips Oral Healthcare. These young scientists would always remember how they were able to fund their first independent work and help them onto their academic career pathways. The PRG applauded Philips support and urged Prof Chapple to encourage POHC to continue with this excellent initiative for a further 3-year term.

## 14. Future Meetings (DK)

Date	Location	Meeting
2009-6 June	Europeo 6 , Stockholm Sweden	
2009-8 Aug	Gordon Research Conference, New Hampshire, USA	
2009 28- 31 August	Singapore	APSP
2009 4 September	Singapore	FDI – APSP/IAP
2010 March	Washington DC, USA	AADR CADR
2010 14-17 July	Barcelona, Spain	IADR
2011 16-19 March	San Diego, California, USA	IADR AADR CADR
2012 March 20-24	Tampa, FL	AADR CADR

Website for the Gordon Conference in Periodontology 2-7<sup>th</sup> August 2009, Colby-Sawyer New Hampshire, is:

<http://www.grc.org/programs.aspx?year=2009&program=periodon>

## 15. Results of vote for secretary WG

The president announced that following the counting of all votes that Dr. Alp Kantarci had been duly elected as the new secretary for 2009-10.

## **16. New President's Address (AS):**

Anton Sculean thanked the officers of the group, Iain, Dennis, Will, Panos, Jack and Ivan for their outstanding work in leading the Periodontal Research Group and for inviting him to join and help the group. He pointed out that it was a great honor and privilege for him to have the opportunity to serve the group in the next year and to work with colleagues who he very much admires and respects. He reflected about his way of getting involved in periodontal research following his graduation in Budapest, Hungary. His inspiration towards periodontal research was greatly influenced during his postgraduate training in Aarhus, Denmark where he learned how important a critical thinking and understanding of periodontal biology was for developing new ideas and new strategies for the treatment of periodontal diseases. On the other hand he also realized the pivotal importance of collaboration with other colleagues, experts in their own field. Further, he pointed to the international spirit of the Periodontal Research Group which can open new horizons in establishing fruitful international scientific collaborations. Being born and growing in the eastern part of Europe and having lived in several, very different countries, he realized the tremendous potential for both basic and clinical research available in different parts of the world. He expressed his strong believe that The Periodontal Research Group and dental research in general would significantly benefit by inspiring and attracting talented colleagues from Eastern European Countries, India, China, Middle East and South America. Thus, one important goal of the Periodontal Research Group is to disseminate information and attract motivated researchers also from these parts of the world.

He pointed further to the significant progress which has been made during the last decade, in the understanding of microbiology and pathogenesis of periodontal diseases, tissue engineering, periodontal regeneration and implant therapy. However, in his opinion we need also to realize that the various topics are becoming more and more complex and, it is impossible to achieve further significant progress without keeping in mind the pivotal importance of collaborating with other groups, not only in the field of dentistry, but also in other fields such as medicine, biology, biochemistry and microbiology. Further significant progress is hardly possible without establishing strong collaborations with such groups. In his view, this is exactly the philosophy and responsibility of the periodontal research group which should focus on embracing and developing international collaborations but also in inspiring and attracting new talented colleagues from all over the world to join the group. He pointed to the potential scientific and social benefit of attracting new colleagues. He acknowledged the leadership of the Periodontal Research Group in establishing more research fellowships and opportunities such as what Panos Papapanou and Iain Chapple have done during their presidencies pointing to the importance of maintaining the newly established research fellowships and opportunities on a long term basis! Finally, the new president thanked all members of the group for the honor to serve them during the coming year and wished all a successful meeting!

## **17. Date of Next Meeting (AS)**

The full program for Barcelona was yet to be finalised but it is likely the next business meeting will be either Thursday or Friday 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

The Reception was at Loews Hotel, Miami Beach immediately after the meeting.

We noted with regret the passing of Dr. Harald Loe late last year, a previous office bearer in this group and an individual with a major influence in our understanding and practice of Periodontology.