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EVENTS



Present Your Latest Research!

The session proposal and abstract submission site for the [2024 IADR/AADOCR/CADR General Session & Exhibition](#) is open now! Don't miss this opportunity to get your research in front of an international audience of dental, oral, and craniofacial health experts!

[Submit your Session Proposal](#)

[Submit your Abstract Today](#)

Reminder: Session Proposals must receive sponsorship from at least one IADR Scientific Group/Network before being submitted.

DEADLINES*

- Scientific Group/Network approval for Session Proposal: **September 12, 2023**
- Session Proposal Submission: **September 27, 2023**
- Abstract Submission: **October 17, 2023**

**All deadlines occur at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT) on their respective dates.*

EXHIBITS & SPONSORSHIP

Promote your company's latest products and services to an international audience of experts! With more than 5,000 delegates expected, this is a unique opportunity to forge new connections with decision makers who approve product development and R&D budgets for new dental, oral, and craniofacial products.

In addition, a wide variety of sponsorship opportunities offer different levels of benefits, including free advertising, complimentary meeting registrations, and high-visibility recognition.

Learn more by visiting our [Exhibits & Sponsorship](#) page.

HELP FUND YOUR TRAVEL

Apply for the following travel awards when submitting your abstract!

- [AADOCR Bloc Travel Grant](#)
- [IADR Colgate Research in Prevention Travel Award](#)
- [IADR KULZER Travel Award](#)
- [IADR STAR Network Fellowship](#)

For more information, visit: <https://www.iadr.org/events/2024iags>

Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research Summit

The AADOCR will host a **Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research Summit** at the Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center in Rockville, MD on **October 12-13, 2023**. The goals of this summit will be to:

1. Assess the current state of dental, oral, and craniofacial (DOC) research in the United States.
2. Assess where that research is currently being conducted.
3. Determine how to address the challenges and barriers identified.
4. Develop an Action Agenda with specific recommendations to assist funders of DOC research and for institutions and investigators to improve DOC research.

Intended participants of this interactive workshop are Associate Deans for Research at Academic Dental Institutions (ADI), ADI Deans, VPs of Research (or persons with that responsibility) at non-ADI Institutions conducting DOC research, and all Funders of DOC research (Government, Non-profits, Foundations, Dental Insurance, Consumer and Professional Products Industry and Emerging Technologies).

Additional information with the detailed program and meeting registration will be forthcoming.

Penn Dental Medicine Hosts Roots of Wisdom Interview Series

On August 28, 2023, the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine will host a live webinar that will explore how we can make oral health a priority for all and create a future where healthcare is attainable for everyone. The guest speaker will be Brian O'Connell, BDS, PhD, FTCD.

About Professor Brian O'Connell

- Dean of Health Sciences and Professor of Restorative Dentistry at Trinity College Dublin
- Diplomate of the American Board of Prosthodontics and a Fellow of the American College of Prosthodontists
- Immediate Past-President of IADR and President-Elect of the Association for Dental Education in Europe
- Advisor to the Irish Government and the European Commission on Dental Policy
- Interested in oral health of older people and is an investigator in the Irish Longitudinal Study on Ageing
- Advocates for oral health nationally and internationally



Boston Head and Neck Cancer Symposium

Friday, October 6, 2023

1 Silber Way, Boston, MA



Boston University Henry M. Goldman School of Dental Medicine

BU-BMC Cancer Center

Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine

[Register here](#)



ASK ME ANYTHING (AMA)



TOPIC: Systemic Racism

DATE: August 29, 2023 at 10:30 a.m. ET (UTC-04:00)

WHERE: IADR Community Discussion Thread

EXPERT: Eleanor Fleming

Assistant Dean of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
School of Dentistry
University of Maryland, Baltimore

Have questions? Ask them by emailing communityadmin@iadr.org by August 28, 2023.

Evidence-Based Dentistry Faculty & Practice Awards

The **Evidence-Based Dentistry (EBD) Faculty and Practice Awards** honor educators and clinicians who have made significant contributions to implement and advance evidence-based dentistry in research, practice, and the classroom. Established by the ADA and the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR), winners of the EBD Awards are selected by a committee composed of members of the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs Clinical Excellence Subcommittee, representation from AADOCR, and a non-voting participant from Colgate.

Winners of the 2023 EBD Awards will be honored **October 5, 2023** at **SmileCon** in Orlando, receiving a **commemorative plaque** and a **\$1,000 honorarium** at a special ceremony during the Science Social event.

Applications or nominations must be received by **August 20, 2023**.

Learn more at [ADA.org/EBDAwards](https://ada.org/EBDAwards)



ADVOCACY

Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations

Lawmakers are on break for the August recess and will have just a couple weeks before the fiscal year ends (September 30) to resolve the vast discrepancies between spending bills moving through each chamber. U.S. House appropriators have proposed a Labor, Health and Human Services (Labor-HHS) bill that slashes funding for the NIH by an estimated \$3.8 billion and would completely eliminate dozens of programs, including the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the CDC's Office on Smoking and Health. The Senate Labor-HHS bill, by contrast, would provide a slight increase in funding for the NIH (\$47.7 billion, +0.6%) in 2024. Under both proposals, the NIDCR would be flat funded at \$520.16 million.

New CDC Director Sworn In

On July 10, Mandy Cohen, MD was sworn in as the new director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The former North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary succeeds Dr. Rochelle Walensky who departed the agency at the end of June. AADOCR applauded Dr. Cohen's **appointment** and in July sent her a **congratulatory letter** expressing an interest in working with her to support state health departments that provide access to oral disease preventive services, community water fluoridation, and school-based dental sealant programs to help reduce inequalities in oral health.

PUBLICATIONS



Journal of Dental Research

- [Latest Issue](#)
- [Submit a paper](#)

JDR Clinical & Translational Research



- [Latest Issue](#)
- [Submit a paper](#)

JDR Clinical & Translational Research Welcomes New Associate Editor

The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) and American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) have announced that *JDR Clinical & Translational Research (JDR CTR)* has selected Vanessa Muirhead as Associate Editor.

Muirhead is a Clinical Reader in Dental Public Health at Queen Mary of University of London (QMUL), UK. She gained a first-class Bachelor of Science (BSc) honors degree in Experimental Pathology and a bachelor's degree in dental surgery (BDS) at QMUL.



[Read the press release.](#)

Study Explores the Influence of Social Networks on Oral Health Outcomes

A study published in the *JDR Clinical & Translational Research (JDR CTR)* aims to demonstrate the influence of social networks on oral health outcomes among women living in public housing in Boston, Massachusetts, USA.

The study, “[Modeling Social Network Influences on Oral Health Outcomes among Women Living in Public Housing](#),” by Brenda Heaton, et al., obtained individual- and network-level data from a cross-sectional survey of adult female residents of two public housing developments in Boston. Participants responded to close-ended questions about sociodemographic characteristics, oral and general health status, and health-related behaviors for themselves as well as their named social contacts. Based on this information, network-level variables were calculated for each participant, including the proportion of the social network with certain characteristics or attributes.

[Read the press release.](#)

NEWS

AADOCR Fellows Program Now Accepting Nominations

The AADOCR Fellows Program is designed to recognize leaders of AADOCR and individuals who have served AADOCR in various ways throughout their careers. AADOCR Fellows serve as mentors, advisors to the AADOCR Board of Directors and Council, and serve as ambassadors of the dental, oral, and craniofacial research field.

Fellows receive public recognition at the AADOCR Annual Meeting and in the AADOCR Science Advocate newsletter. Full and retired members are eligible for the AADOCR Fellows Program.

Submit your [nomination online](#) by **October 10, 2023**. If you have questions, please contact Beatrice Nguyen at bnguyen@iadr.org.

Researchers, Learners Connect and Share Ideas at AADOCR Research Exchange

Researchers and learners at the School of Dentistry gathered to exchange ideas and learn from one another at a research exchange event that brought together various areas of expertise.

On Thursday, July 20, 90 individuals from 3M, the University of Minnesota, and other oral health organizations gathered at the 3M Innovation Center for an AADOCR Exchange, featuring faculty from the School of Dentistry, members of the Minnesota section of the AADOCR and learners from the School of Dentistry's Minnesota Student Research Group.

The event sought to “form an ongoing collaborative effort and make new connections for the common purpose of advancing dental health research,” according to Paul Klaiber, Minnesota section president of AADOCR and product development specialist at 3M Oral Care.

[Read the full story.](#)

Recognize a Distinguished Scientist

The [IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards](#) are among the most prestigious honors bestowed by IADR to our members. These awards recognize outstanding research achievements in a variety of fields and disciplines and are indelible marks of leadership in our community.

Nominate yourself or a fellow IADR member for one of the 17 IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards! The awards consist of a \$3,500 prize and a commemorative plaque, as well as special recognition in the 2024 IADR General Session post-meeting newsletter.



To learn more and to apply, visit: <https://www.iadr.org/awards/iadr-distinguished-scientist-award>. All nominations must be received by **September 15, 2023**.

AADOCR Members Named AAAS Fellows

AADOCR Members were honored at a celebratory reception in Washington, D.C. for new American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) **Fellows** on July 14, 2023. From the AAAS Section R: Dentistry & Oral Health Sciences, the class of 2022 AAAS Fellows included:

- **Azeez Butali**, *University of Iowa*
- **Marcelo Freire**, *J. Craig Venter Institute*
- **Purnima S. Kumar**, *University of Michigan*
- **Daniel Malamud**, *New York University*
- **Pamela Yelick (IADR Vice-president)**, *Tufts University School of Dental Medicine*

Pictured left to right: Marcelo Freire, Azezz Butali, Purnima Kumar, Pamela Yelick, AAAS CEO Sudip Parikh



Scientific Strides of the NIDCR: 75 Years and Beyond Now Available on NIDCR Website

Held during the 2023 Annual Meeting of the AADOCR, this two-part symposium marked the start of NIDCR's year-long 75th anniversary celebration.

In the first part of the symposium, three former NIDCR directors, plus current Director Rena D'Souza, D.D.S., Ph.D., reflected on their accomplishments, memorable moments, and visions for NIDCR during their directorships.

In the second part, six intramural investigators described the cutting-edge NIDCR research that has shaped dentistry and medicine during their time at the institute. Questions from the audience followed both parts.

Learn more at: <https://www.nidcr.nih.gov/news-events/events/2023/scientific-strides-nidcr-75-years-beyond>



AADOCR Strides in Science

Julie T. Marchesan, DDS, PhD

"Being a member of the AADOCR and attending its annual meetings has been essential to maintain constant funding and to foster my career as both an oral health care provider and a researcher."

[Read the full interview.](#)

Submit Your IADR and AADOCR Award Applications and Nominations

Through numerous sponsorships and donations, IADR and AADOCR funds and recognizes several award, fellowship, and grant recipients. For additional information or inquiries, please **email** the Awards, Fellowships & Grants Coordinator.

Awards and Deadlines

AADOOCR Anne D. Haffajee Fellowship – October 17, 2023

AADOOCR Delta Dental Institute Oral Health Equity Awards – October 17, 2023

AADOOCR Irwin D. Mandel Distinguished Mentoring Award – October 17, 2023

AADOOCR Procter & Gamble Underrepresented Faculty Research Fellowship – October 17, 2023

AADOOCR Student Research Fellowships – January 26, 2024

AADOOCR William Butler Fellowship – October 17, 2023

AADOOCR William B. Clark Fellowship – October 17, 2023

IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards – **September 15, 2023**

IADR Distinguished Service Award – October 17, 2023

IADR E.W. Borrow Memorial Award – October 17, 2023

IADR John J. Clarkson Fellowship – October 17, 2023

IADR Innovation in Oral Care Awards – December 1, 2023

IADR Osteology Foundation New Investigator Award in Oral Tissue Regeneration - December 1, 2023

IADR STAR Network Fellowship - December 1, 2023

IADR/AADOOCR William J Gies Award – October 17, 2023

Apply for the following awards when submitting your abstract to the 2024 IADR/AADOOCR/CADR General Session & Exhibition! Abstract Deadline: October 17, 2023

AADOOCR Bloc Travel Grant

AADOOCR Hatton Competition

AADOOCR NSRG 411 Rapid Research Competition

Student Competition for Advancing Dental Research and its Application (SCADA)
(*Applicants by invitation only*)

IADR Joseph Lister Award for New Investigators

IADR KULZER Travel Award

IADR Colgate Research in Prevention Travel Award

IADR Lion Dental Research Award



The University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine is pleased to announce the launch of its new [Master of Science in Oral and Population Health](#) (MOPH).

This program addresses the urgent need for public and population health leaders, researchers, and policymakers who can inform, create, implement, and evaluate policies that confront current and future challenges in oral health with a local (national or sub-national) and global focus.

Offered online through both synchronous and asynchronous sessions, the program ensures that students have access to the latest information, knowledge, and cutting-edge skills in population health, emphasizing the significance of oral health as a vital part of overall well-being. Throughout the course, students will have the opportunity to engage with and learn from eminent leaders in population health research and evidence-based policy. This exposure will encompass a range of disciplines, contexts, research methodologies, and cultural perspectives. The program will be accepting admissions on a rolling basis. The deadline to submit an application for the 2023 Fall term is **August 15, 2023**.

Earn CE Credits at the IADR Webinar & CE On Demand Library

Featured Content:

- Traditional Medicine to Relieve Hyposalivation
- Assessment of Oral Dryness
- Oral Microbial Ecology and Its Role in Children's Oral Health



Submit a Webinar Proposal

AADOCR is currently accepting proposals for webinar ideas for 2023. Webinar proposals are subject to review and approval by the appropriate IADR committee. Webinar content should be organized around a cutting-edge topic and planned to be no more than 60 minutes (including a Q&A/discussion period). Any requests for additional time outside of the standard allotment of 60 minutes must be made at the time of submission for the committee to evaluate.

For more information and to submit your proposal, visit: <https://www.iadr.org/form/webinar-series-proposal-form>.

Show Your Support with AADOCR Gear

AADOCR represents you—the multidisciplinary scientists who work every day to advance dental, oral, and craniofacial research. Show your support with style!



FUNDING

Latest NIH & NIDCR Funding Opportunities and Notices

The NIH and NIDCR provide many funding opportunities for scientists interested in dental, oral, and craniofacial research. Get the [latest NIDCR news online](#). To view a full list of NIH funding announcements, visit: grants.nih.gov/funding/index.htm.

RFA-EB-23-007

Single Source: NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research: Neuroimaging Tools and Resources Collaboratory (R24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Release Date: July 13, 2023

PA-23-232

PHS 2023-2 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH for Small Business Technology Transfer Grant Applications (Parent STTR [R41/R42] Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Release Date: July 12, 2023

PA-23-230

PHS 2023-2 Omnibus Solicitation of the NIH, CDC and FDA for Small Business Innovation Research Grant Applications (Parent SBIR [R43/R44] Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Release Date: July 12, 2023

PAR-23-219

SBIR/STTR Commercialization Readiness Pilot (CRP) Program Technical Assistance and Late Stage Development (SB1, Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Release Date: July 12, 2023

RFA-RM-23-013

Partnerships With Common Fund Data Ecosystem Resources (U24 Clinical Trial not Allowed)
Release Date: July 11, 2023

NOT-NS-23-091

Notice of Intent to Publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement for Blueprint Neurotherapeutics Network (BPN): Small Molecule Drug Discovery and Development of Disorders of the Nervous System (UG3/UH3 Clinical Trial Optional)
Release Date: July 10, 2023

NOT-NS-23-093

Notice of Intent to Publish a Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement for Blueprint Neurotherapeutics Network (BPN): Small Molecule Drug Discovery and Development for Disorders of the Nervous System (U44 Clinical Trial Optional)
Release Date: July 10, 2023

RFA-OD-23-018

ADVANCE Predoctoral T32 Training Program to Promote Diversity in Health Disparities Research,

Preventive Interventions, and Methodology (T32, Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Release Date: July 6, 2023

[RFA-EB-23-003](#)

Single Source: NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research: Neuroimaging Tools and Resources Collaboratory (R24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
Release Date: July 5, 2023

Featured Funding Opportunities

[Limited Competition: Collaborative Partnership to Advance Global Health Research \(U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (PAR-23-203)

Application deadline: September 1, 2023

[Fogarty-leDEA Mentorship Program \(FIMP\)](#)

Application deadline: October 23, 2023

[Research Supplements to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research \(Admin Supp - Clinical Trial Not Allowed\)](#) (PA-23-189)

Application deadline: May 8, 2026

NIDCR Director's Postdoctoral Fellowship to Enhance Diversity in Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis.

Rapid Funding for COVID-19 Research

Clinical to basic research studies, many are conducted by the [National Dental Practice-Based Research Network \(PBRN\)](#).

New Opportunities for Advancing Pain Science

Recognizing the urgent need to improve the management of pain, the Fiscal Year 2022 budget proposals from the President, House, and Senate each provide increased funding for pain research to several NIH Institutes and Centers, including the NIDCR.

NIDCR Institutional K12 NIDCR Dental Specialty and Ph.D. Programs

The NIDCR Dental Specialty and Ph.D. Program (DSPP) supports institutional research career development (K12) programs that propose to develop outstanding clinician scientists (K12 "Scholars") through an integrated program of advanced clinical training in a recognized dental specialty. Three universities currently offer the NIDCR Dental Specialty and Ph.D. Program:

- [University of California, Los Angeles Dental Specialty and Ph.D. Program \(UCLA DSPP\)](#)
- [University of Michigan K12 DSPP Accelerating Interventions for Craniofacial Diseases and Disorders via DSPP](#)
- [State University of New York at Buffalo K12 DSPP, Buffalo Oral-Research and Specialty Train Program \(BORST\)](#)

FDA Funding Opportunities

View the current FDA Center for Tobacco Products funding opportunities.

NIH National Institute on Aging Funding Opportunities

Visit the NIA's Grants and Funding web portal and view the current NIA funding opportunities.

DONATE

Support New Investigators

Donate to the [AADOCR New Investigator Research Development Fund!](#)

Once endowed, this award will recognize original research by new investigators and will stimulate basic research in all dental, oral, and craniofacial disciplines. One award per year will be presented in the amount of at least \$10,000. This must be put towards the candidate's research, the establishment of research infrastructure, the completion of a research project, or preparing research for publication.



[Make A Donation](#)

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