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## IADR Elects Jennifer E. Gallagher as IADR Vice-president

**Alexandria, VA, USA –** Members of the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) have elected Jennifer E. Gallagher, King's College London, UK to serve as Vice-president. Her term will commence at the conclusion of the 102<sup>nd</sup> General Session of the IADR, which will be held in conjunction with the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the AADOCR and the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research, from March 13-16, 2024 in New Orleans, USA.



Gallagher holds the distinguished Newland Pedley Chair in Oral Health Services Research in the Faculty of Dentistry, Oral & Craniofacial

Sciences at King's College London, where she is now working as an Ambassador alongside the Vice President for International, Engagement & Service and the Vice-Chancellor of King's. She was awarded an MBE in the late Queen's New Year's Honours List of 2015 for services to oral health.

Gallagher's research projects include conducting the first child oral health survey in Sierra Leone, aligning epidemiological evidence of oral health needs with workforce views to model future workforce scenarios has informed national workforce planning and resulted in the development of 'context specific' dental therapy training. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, she collaborated with academic colleagues across institutions to review the literature systematically to better understand infection control in dentistry, co-authoring a series of research publications shaping policy and practice in relation to management of dental care through the pandemic.

Gallagher brings to the role extensive experience in international engagement and collaborative partnerships, professional leadership, health strategy and policy. Her expertise combines dentistry and public health working across the university and health sectors. She is very committed to equitable partnerships and mentoring the next generation of researchers. This is on top of a strong and sustained track record in Health Services Research seeking to impact on population health and health services. As an IADR member for over two decades, she has been actively involved nationally, regionally, and globally in contributing to science and debate through IADR General Sessions and the World Congress of Preventive Dentistry. This includes being immediate past President of GOHIRN (Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Network) of IADR which seeks to advance knowledge, research, and inform action on oral health inequalities globally.

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