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Greetings to all our colleagues in the Geriatric Oral Research Group! Thanks to all the members of GORG for their research contributions in the field of geriatric oral research and for their continued support of our group.

I would like to report on the successful meeting in Dallas, Texas as part of the 37th Annual Meeting & Exhibition of the AADR April 2-5, 2008. GORG partnered with the Education Research Group to support a symposium in Dallas, *Improving Oral Health and Promoting the Well-being of the Geriatric Population: Education Research Issues*. We had poster and oral sessions and a Lunch & Learn Session entitled *The Evidence Base for the Use of Amorphous Calcium Phosphate in Geriatric and Special Needs Dentistry* facilitated by Dr. J. Chalmers. All were well attended and very well received among the members of the research community.

Setting up these sessions took a significant amount of work and could not have been done without the help of specific individuals and our sponsors. Our time together was celebrated by an evening reception that we co-sponsored along with our colleagues in the Behavioural, Epidemiologic and Health Services Research Group, and the Nutrition Group.

GORG offered yet another stimulating scientific program for the 86th General Meeting and Exhibition of the IADR in Toronto July 2-5, 2008. The keynote address was given by last year's recipient of the Distinguished Scientist Award for Geriatric Oral Research, Dr. Judith A. Jones; *Does Periodontal Treatment Improve Glycemic Control in Diabetes?* There were a total of three student poster sessions: *The Morita Awards, Quality of Life and Epidemiology in the Elderly, and Topical Issues in Geriatric Oral Research*. The Morita Award series produced two award recipients this year: Julie Theurer for her work "*Oropharyngeal Sensory Stimulation in Healthy Older Adults*" in the pre-doctoral category and Dr. Rika Yahagi for her work "*Swallowing Function and Oral Sensation in Young and Elderly Humans*" in the post-doctoral category. Our sincerest appreciation to the J. Morita Corporation for their continued support of Geriatric Oral Health Research by funding these awards! Our thanks also go to KaVo and Proctor & Gamble for their continued support of Geriatric Oral Research by their generous funding of two additional awards. Jameela Alawadi was the KaVo Award recipient for her work in the Topical Pharmaceutical Treatment of Oral Problems Category, and Wyman

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Chan was the P&G Award recipient for his work in the Use of Oral Health Care Products Category. Over the years GORG has done wonderful work in fostering research in geriatric oral health among students and junior investigators through our awards program. This is a very important aspect of our work and we wish to thank all of the members who have judged these awards over the years. I encourage you to look out for students and junior investigators who might be eligible to submit their abstracts for the J. Morita Junior Investigator Award. In addition the KaVo Award and the Procter and Gamble Awards for Geriatric Oral Research are open to all researchers in Geriatric Oral Research. These prizes are all very prestigious reflecting excellence in Geriatric Oral Research and include a plaque and monetary gift presented at the GORG annual business meeting at the IADR meeting.

There were two symposia in Toronto: *Oral Health Literacy in Older Adults*, co-sponsored by GORG and Behavioural Sciences; and *Meeting Oral health Needs to Promote the Well-being of the Geriatric Population*, co-sponsored by Education Research, GORG, and the Evidence Based Dentistry Network.

Congratulations to Professor James Steele for being awarded the 2008 IADR Distinguished Scientist Award in Geriatric Oral Research, graciously supported by Sunstar! Professor Steele was formally acknowledged for his contributions to Geriatric Oral Research at the opening ceremonies on Wednesday July 2, 2008. Any IADR member may nominate an individual whom they feel would be appropriate for the Distinguished Scientist Award in Geriatric Oral Research. They should contact the individual to obtain his/her willingness and, once a nomination is made, it is considered each year for five years unless the nominee is selected for an award. After the fifth year, the nomination is withdrawn unless a re-nomination is received. Nominations are usually sought in the early summer with a deadline around the end of August, but you can obtain more information by visiting the IADR website and/or contacting Sheri Herren, the IADR Awards, Fellowships and Grants Manager at sherren@iadr.org.

At the Toronto business meeting we enthusiastically welcomed new officers who were nominated and elected for GORG positions to join the existing committee members. Current officers are listed in the table. We are pleased that these talented individuals are willing to donate their time and expertise to GORG and IADR. I would also like to acknowledge the leadership of our immediate Past-President Jane Chalmers as well as the continued dedication of Ronald Ettinger, Herenia Lawrence, and Linda Nissen as IADR Councillor. GORG is fortunate to benefit from the talent and dedication of all these individuals as well as from you, our colleagues and members of GORG!

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Position	Name	Term Ends
President	J. Mark Thomason	04 April 2009
President-Elect/Group Program Chair	Hideo Miyazaki	04 April 2009
Vice President/Assistant Group Program Chair	Ed Lynch	04 April 2009
Secretary/Treasurer	Finbarr Allen	19 March 2011
Executive Committee Member	Mary McNally	17 July 2010
Executive Committee Member	W. Murray Thomson	17 July 2010
Executive Committee Member	Aylin Baysan	04 April 2009
IADR Councillor	Kazunori Ikebe	17 July 2010
AADR Councillor	Elisa Ghezzi	04 April 2009
Award Committee Chair	Domenica Sweier	17 July 2010

As of the GORG Annual Business Meeting membership consisted of 77 IADR members, 36 AADR members, 25 IADR student members, 6 AADR student members, and 1 IADR life member making a total of 145 members. Latin America, Asia, Africa, Australia and New Zealand and many European countries remain under-represented in GORG. We wish to encourage as many colleagues and students as possible to join GORG in the coming years and to try to recruit members from these regions. Increasing the number of GORG members in these other areas of the world will help to raise awareness of the dental health care needs of the elderly.

After our annual business meeting we gathered together for a social hour at a reception co-sponsored by GORG, Behavioural, Epidemiologic and Health Services Research, Education, and the Nutrition Groups.

Coming up April 1-4, 2009 is the 87th General Session of the IADR/AADR/CADR in Miami, Florida USA. Schedule of Events for the Geriatric Oral Research Group as follows:

Thursday April 2, 2009; 2:00-3:15PM

The Morita Awards (The P&G Award, and the KaVo Award are open to any Geriatric Oral Research presentation and any GOR investigator).

Thursday April 2, 2009; 6:00-7:30PM

BEHSR, Geriatric, and Nutrition Joint Group Reception

Friday April 3, 2009; 10:45AM-12:15PM

Keynote Address “*What is Effective Oral Care for Older People?*” (J.Steele, recipient of the 2008 IADR Distinguished Scientist Award in Geriatric Oral Research) and

Oral-systemic health in the Elderly (P. Holm-Pedersen and H. Miyazaki).

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Friday April 3, 2009; 2:00-3:15PM

Epidemiology and Health Measurement.

Friday April 3, 2009; 5:00-6:00PM

Geriatric Oral Research Group Business Meeting

Saturday April 4, 2009; 10:45AM-12:15PM

Oral Health Care Needs and Services in the Elderly (A. Kiyak and B.J. Smith).

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you on organizing events for GORG and working with you to further the field of Geriatric Oral Research. I hope to see you all in Miami for the 87th General Session of the IADR/AADR/CADR!

Updates on Previous Meetings: 2007

Geriatric Oral Research Group Business Meeting

March 23, 2007

A. President's introductory remarks.

GORG president Herenia Lawrence thanked everyone for a successful meeting this year. She gave special thanks to Dr. Jane Chalmers who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Jane did a great job organizing the scientific program.

Fifteen individuals competed in the Poster Competition this year for the J. Morita Award competition. This is a record increase over previous years.

B. Distinguished Scientist Award in Geriatric Oral Health Research.

Congratulations to Dr. Judith Jones who won the award; GORG is proud to be represented by such an accomplished and respected researcher.

C. Award Ceremony (Dr. Mark Thomason)

The Awards Committee Chair, Dr. Mark Thomason presented the winners of the poster competition for 2007.

J. Morita Pre-doctoral Category:

1. B. Nunez
2. M. K. Casey

J. Morita Post-doctoral Category:

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Dr. B. Wu

Kavo Award: Pharmaceutical treatment of dental caries in geriatric patients
M. C. Grootveld

Procter & Gamble Award: Use of Oral Health Care Products
H. Domingo

J. Morita has increased the award from \$1500 to \$2000; thank you!!!

D. Gerodontology : Dr. James Newton, editor.
The Journal joined Blackwell in 2004.
There has been a 50% increase in manuscripts in the last 2 years.
The distribution has broadened internationally.
There have been two supplements produced, in 2005 and in 2006.
It is now widely distributed.

Future directions include promoting more papers for submission (abstracts presented at the meetings!). Encourage your students and other researchers to submit work for publication in the journal.

Dr. Newton does not anticipate that the Journal will move to 6 issues/year until at least 2009. The turnaround time for paper publication from acceptance is now only 90 days and it will go online as soon as corrections are submitted.

Please keep your demographic data current with IADR; if you do not update your address, you will not receive your journal! This is also true for membership; if you are not a current member with updated dues payment, you will not receive a journal.

E. Treasury/Secretary: Dr. Edward Lynch.

Some facts:

117 full members last year.

115 full members this year.

Student membership has remained relatively static as well (roughly 14).

Treasury:

Last year total money was \$17,077.

This year's total is \$24, 247.

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F. IADR Councilor's Report L. Niessen was unable to be present; J. Mark Thomason presented the report.

There is a proposal from the board to change the structure of the IADR. Now we have the IADR Central office and then the divisions branching off. It is proposed that the IADR have five component regions then sub-divided into the divisions, similar to what is currently the case in Europe with the divisions maintaining direct access to the IADR. The North American group would include Canada, USA, and Mexico. The IADR has formed a task force to look at this. Two divisions have been accepted recently; Uruguay and Mongolia.

IADR Full members: Dues increase to \$130 (plus inflation) over next 5 years; this is a safer business model. Take meetings to other places of world since not forced to make a profit. Student members: dues increase to \$23 over next two years, should they go up to \$45 to parallel full members' dues? Overwhelming no; students should not be burdened with membership dues. It should be easier to get students started into an organization to promote career-long contributions.

G. AADR Councilor's Report: R. Ettinger.

An outside company was recruited to evaluate the function of the AADR, membership, and branding of the AADR

ADEA/AADR/IADR: an attempt to have overlap of the meetings by having them at the same place and same time. However, they were in different buildings quite a distance apart and so the attempt to bring them 'closer' wasn't as successful as was hoped. It should be attempted again, in spite of the fact that the staff perceive it to be easier to organize two separate meetings.

Stem Cells: After much deliberation, a final statement on the use of stem cells was generated to NOT include 'human' or 'embryonic,' primarily to avoid any political interpretation of the statement.

Business: the audits have been clean and the budgets have remained good, stable. The JDR journal impact factor has remained above 3 with a recent slight increase; more requests for hard copies. There is a \$45.00 onetime fee for article submission to the JDR.

2008

Geriatric Oral Research Group Business Meeting
July 4, 2008.

A. Treasury/Secretary: Dr. Edward Lynch.

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E. Lynch reported that our GORG finances were doing very well and he distributed the finances as of 31 Dec2007. This left a balance of \$31,831.98 which was an increase from \$24,247.90 in the previous year. E Lynch stated that we should consider ways of using this money for useful causes. E Lynch also reported that J Morita have generously increased the J Morita grant to GORG for the J Morita prizes to \$2000 starting this year 2008. E Lynch also thanked KaVo and P&G for their very generous support of GORG and their respective prizes.

E Lynch reported that our membership numbers are increasing again and that we currently have 77 IADRmembers, 36 AADR members, 6 AADR student members, 25 IADR student members and 1 IADR life member making a total number of 145 members. E Lynch asked the members to continue to encourage colleagues to join GORG.

B. IADR Councilor's Report: Error! Reference source not found.

The meeting was chaired by the President of IADR, Dr. Deborah Greenspan with assistance from Dr. Bob ten Cate who is President-Elect of IADR (President 2008-9). David M. Williams is currently IADR Vice President.

Election Results for 2008-9

- IADR Vice President elect: Maria Fidela de Lima Navarro
- AADR Vice President elect: David Wong
- IADR/AADR Publications Committee Representative: Mina Mina

Appointments and Nominations

- IADR Vice-President Nominations for 2009-10
 - Francois A. de Wet, University of Pretoria, South Africa
 - E. Dianne Rekow, New York University, New York, USA
 - Gregory J. Seymour, University of Otago, New Zealand
- IADR Committee Appointments approved (GORG member appointments below)
 - Gary Slade (Distinguished Scientist Award)
 - P. Finbarr Allen (Edward H. Hatton Awards Committee)

Divisions and Sections

- Divisional Section Applications approved: Peruvian, Colombian, Chilean
- Non-Divisional Section Application approved: Ecuadorian
- Revocation of Division Status approved: Egyptian

Scientific Group and Networks

- IADR Network for Practice-based Research approved
- Networks to be added to Constitution.

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Awards and Fellowships

- Edward H. Hatton Awards Committee Description Bylaw Change approved
 - Name changed to Awards Review Committee
 - Will also review the Research in Prevention Travel Award abstracts and select recipients.
- IADR Hatton Award
 - Increased Unilever support from \$30K to \$100K
 - IADR Central Office will provide travel and hotel arrangements for candidates.

Board Approved Strategic Items from 12/07 & 5/08 meetings

- Regional Development Proposals
 - IADR Constitutional Amendment Passed
 - Bylaw Change Approved
 - Move from Federations to Regions
 - 5 regions added to IADR organizational structure
 - Asia/Pacific; Africa/Middle East; European; Latin America; North America
 - 3-year term for Regional Board Member on IADR Board of Directors
 - Each region is a voting member of the IADR Council
 - Limited IADR Governance
 - Election of regional board members at the regional level
 - Central office assist and coordinate regional meetings
- JDR Free Access Policy approved 5/08
 - JDR will submit the final article (versus accepted manuscript) to PubMed Central at 12 months
 - JDR will provide this service free of charge for members
 - JDR will currently charge \$75 to non-members for this service
 - For Immediate Free Access, JDR will currently charge \$3,800 for members and \$4,300 for non-members
 - Decisions made:
 1. Copyright agreement will be modified.
 2. NIH Publisher agreement will be signed.
 3. Agree to submit final peer-reviewed published articles.
 4. Fee structure confirmed.
 - Definitions of free access/open access/public access
 - Differ by online accessibility cost & copyright law
 - Institutional & investigator responsibility to comply with NIH mandate.
 - Publishers are resistant to mandate as it does not respect copyright law (?future lawsuit)
- Publications Strategic Planning

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- Scholarly publishing consultant hired 5/07 to evaluation JDR business model
- Strengths: Editor in Chief and staff; Journal's impact factor
- Weaknesses:
 - Lack of strategic publishing plan
 - Declining revenues and margins
 - High production costs
 - Lack of institutional sales
 - Financial underperformance
- 12/07 Decision: Outsourcing production with commercial publisher
- Currently considering two publishers; decision to be made in coming weeks
 - January 2010 anticipated change date
 - 5 year contract
 - IADR/AADR retains JDR ownership and all editorial decisions
- Awards & Fellowships
 - 5/08 Decision: Membership required for all IADR Award, Fellowship, and Grant applicants.

Journal of Dental Research Editor's Report: Anthony J. Smith, University of Birmingham, UK

- 910 manuscripts were submitted in 2006 (541 newly submitted).
- The general acceptance rate was 33% in 2006.
- Scientific Impact Factor: 3.475 (2006)

Membership

- 11,315 members in 2006
- 10,547 members in 2007 (fluctuation with popularity of meeting)
- 10,900 current members
- 11,300 membership goal
- GORG membership 135

Membership Dues

- Three tiered dues structure for IADR dues with JDR for 2008: \$113/\$123/\$153
- IADR dues increase of \$13 from 2007 to 2008.
- IADR student dues increase of \$2 in 2007 to 2008 from \$20 to \$22.
- IADR meeting registration fee increase of \$18 from 2007 to 2008 (\$378 to \$396).

Treasurer's Report

- Implementation of tiered dues structure.
- Investigating tiered student dues structure.

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- 2006 operational budget: \$113K surplus; General operations deficit balanced by annual session surplus and JDR.

Financial Reports

- 2007: New Orleans meeting challenges due to Hurricane Katrina (\$130K deficit).
- 2008: Toronto should be successful with small surplus of \$34K.
- Anticipate successful Miami (projected \$79K surplus) and Barcelona (projected \$100K surplus) meetings.
- \$160K increase in Barcelona meeting costs due to currency changes.
- 2007 IADR/AADR Central office costs \$1.97 million; \$1.89 million in 2006.

Investments

- \$8 million value in 2007; \$7.9 million value in 2006; \$6.9 million in 2005.
- 6.6% portfolio gains in 2007, but declined 3.0% during the first four months of 2008.
- Anticipated annualized spending rate from the portfolio over 5-years will not exceed 2% (\$160K) with anticipated income into the portfolio to exceed 5%.

Future Meetings

- 2009 IADR/AADR/CADR: Miami, Florida
- 2010
 - AADR/CADR: Washington, DC
 - IADR: Barcelona, Spain
- 2011 IADR/AADR/CADR
 - San Diego, California
- 2012
 - AADR/CADR: Tampa, Florida
 - IADR: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 2013 IADR/AADR/CADR
 - Seattle, Washington
- 2014
 - AADR: Charlotte, North Carolina
 - IADR: Cape Town, South Africa

C. Group Program Chair: H. Miyazaki

54 abstracts were submitted as GOR-related topics. Three judges evaluated all the abstracts and rejected 3 because of the reasons with no results involved or other unformatted abstracts. We could have 2 oral sessions by IADR 20/80 policy (20% of total number of abstracts are oral and

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80% are poster presentation). Of 51 abstracts, therefore, 10 were selected as oral presentations and set 4 in the session “Keynote address and oral systemic health relationship in older adults” and 6 in the session “Oral health care needs and services in the elderly”. 41 abstracts were set in 3 poster sessions such as “Morita Awards” (15 papers), “QOL and epidemiology in the elderly” (13) and “Topical issues in geriatric oral research” (13).

Geriatric Oral Research (GOR) Group had a symposium entitled “Oral Health Literacy in Older Adults” organized by Dr. Herrenia Lawrence. We also contributed to Symposia “Nutrition and Oral Health Outcomes Research: State of the Science and Future Directions” and “Meeting Oral Health Needs to Promote the Well-being of the Geriatric Population” as one of the co-sponsors.

Geriatric oral research area is varied from basic science to clinical and social researches. All the presentations involved interesting topics with scientifically higher level. Animated discussions were observed fully in time of each presentation.

D. Symposium report 2008.

E. Lynch presented a report on behalf of Herenia Lawrence. This meeting had been a huge success and was very well attended. Thanks were also expressed to J Morita for their financial support of flights and expenses for one of the speakers in this symposium.

E. Proposal

(i) Angus Walls proposed to rename the Pre-doctoral J Morita award as the Jonathan Ship Award supported by J Morita. Mark Thomason led a few minutes of silence with all the GORG members standing in respect for Jonathan Ship who passed away recently and will be sadly missed by all. The Jonathan Ship Prize was approved by GORG and E Lynch was asked to write to Mr. Morita to seek his approval for this.

(ii) Proposal to change the name to Geriatric and Adult Special Needs Research Group (GASNRG). It was proposed that E. Lynch should write to all members seeking their views on this suggestion.

F. Acknowledgments

Mark Thomason thanked Linda Niesson and Herenia Lawrence for their excellent contributions to GORG over many years. Mark also thanked Edward Lynch for having completed 2 terms as the GORG Secretary and Treasurer and Editor of the newsletter and in particular for getting the GORG finances into such a healthy state.

G. GORG Research Awards

Prize winners for 2008 were announced by the Chair of the Awards

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Committee, Domenica “Nikki” Sweier. The Awards committee for IADR 2008 consisted of Nikki Sweier, Asuman Kiyak, Murray Thompson, and Jimmy Steele. Thanks to the judges for their time and expertise in reviewing abstracts, viewing presentations, and thoughtfully considering each candidate in the decision process. The recipients of the awards were acknowledged and presented with a certificate at the meeting and are as follows:

J. Morita Awards:

Pre-docotoral Category: (\$750.00 Prize)

Julie Theurer for her work “Oropharyngeal Sensory Stimulation in Healthy Older Adults”

Post-docotoral Category: (\$750.00 Prize)

Rika Yahagi for her work “Swallowing Function and Oral Sensation in Young and Elderly Humans”

KaVo Award:

Topical Pharmaceutical Treatment of Oral Problems Category (\$500.00 Prize)

Jameela Al Wawadi

Proctor & Gamble Award:

Use of Oral Health Care Products Category (\$500.00Prize)

Wyman Chan

We thank the continued support and generosity of J. Morita, KaVo, and Proctor & Gamble that make these awards possible to encourage and reward Geriatric Oral Health Researchers.

The attendees were encouraged to enjoy a reception after the meeting co-sponsored by GORG, Behavioral, Epidemiologic and Health Services Research, Education, and the Nutrition Groups.

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In Memory

The Geriatric Oral Research Group lost two talented and wonderful individuals during 2008. We will miss them both greatly and are grateful for their contributions to Geriatric Oral Research and for their camaraderie and friendship.

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