

News and Notes

Academy of Prosthodontics

May 27-30
Boca Raton, FL
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Pacific Coast Society for Prosthodontics

91st Annual Meeting and Scientific Session
June 17-20
Portland, OR
pcsp.org

Florida Prosthodontic Association

Annual Meeting
July 17-18

Conrad Orlando
thefpa.org

Canadian Academy of Restorative Dentistry and Prosthodontics

September 25-27
Westin Nova Scotian, Halifax
cardp.ca

Association of Prosthodontics of Canada

September 18-19
Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg MB
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2026 IADR Prosthodontics Meeting

Outstanding prosthodontic research was presented at the recent IADR meeting in San Diego, California. Dr Peixi Liao, Boston University was installed at the Business meeting. (Fig. 1)

The Award presentations included the 2026 Frechette Awards (Fig. 2,3). The Frechette is the annual research competition for new investigators sponsored by the Prosthodontics Group of the International Association for Dental Research and honoring the memory of Arthur R. Frechette who served as Secretary-Treasurer of the IADR from 1968 until 1977. The winners were Dr Dagny Ochoa, Niigata University, Japan for "Beyond Drilling: DLC-coated Instruments As Biological Enhancers For Implant Osseointegration"(Fig. 4) and Dr Jingyi Chen of West China Hospital of Stomatology, State Key Laboratory of Oral Diseases, Sichuan University, PR China for "Self-Powered Adaptive Bionic Scaffold For Reconstruction Of Segmental Nerve-Trunk-Encased Bone". In addition to plaques, Drs Ochoa and Chen each received a check for \$1500. The judges for the 2026 Frechette Award competition were officers and past-presidents of the IADR Prosthodontics Group.

New investigators in Prosthodontics are encouraged to apply for one of two 2027 Arthur R. Frechette Research Awards in Prosthodontics. Each Award recognizes original research by new investigators and is sponsored by the Prosthodontics Group of the IADR. One award is for Prosthodontic research undertaken with a Materials Science or Bioengineering oriented protocol and the other is for Prosthodontic research undertaken with a Biological Sciences and Tissue Engineering oriented protocol. Researchers carrying out original research are eligible for the Frechette Award if they have been the primary author of no more than three articles published in peer reviewed dental journals. Each award carries a cash prize of \$1500.

Research submitted for the IADR meeting in Melbourne, Australia is eligible for consideration for the Frechette Award, provided it has not been published elsewhere or will not be under consideration for another award. Abstracts must be submitted to the Prosthodontics



Figure 1. Dr Peixi Liao, Boston University, (left) installed as IADR Prosthodontics Group President by Dr Barry Quinn.



Figure 2. The officers of the IADR Prosthodontics Group. Left-to-right: Drs Manabu Kanazawa, Pre-Prosthetic Regenerative Science Award Chair, Frauke Müller, Neal Garrett Award chair, David Bartlett, Secretary/Treasurer, Peixi Liao, President-elect, Barry Quinn, President, Raphael Freitas de Souza, Councilor, and Walter Lam, Website editor.



Figure 3. Frechette Award presentation. Left-to-right: Dr Kenneth Kurtz, Past-president; Dr Jingyi Chen, Frechette Award winner; Dr Barry Quinn, President IADR Prosthodontic Group.



Figure 4. Frechette Award presentation. Left-to-right: Dr Kenneth Kurtz, Past-president; Dr Dagny Ochoa, Frechette Award winner; Dr Barry Quinn, President IADR Prosthodontic Group.

Group of the IADR by the IADR deadline with the appropriate boxes on the on-line submission checked.

The abstracts will be judged for (1) originality and scientific design of the investigation, (2) suitability of the methods of analysis, and (3) scientific value of the work. Selected finalists will be judged at the 2027 IADR meeting in Melbourne, Australia (June 23-26, 2027) and the winner will be announced at the Prosthodontics Group Business Meeting.

The 2026 Pre-Prosthetic Regenerative Science Award for New Investigators was then awarded. The award recognizes original research by new investigators in the multidisciplinary field of pre-prosthetic or prosthodontics-related regenerative science, including, but not limited to, tissue engineering, bone, tooth and soft-tissue regenerative sciences, graft materials research, maxillofacial reconstructive biology and physiology and implant biological research. The awards are co-sponsored by the IADR Prosthodontics Research Group and Japan Prosthodontic Society. The first-place winner received \$1000 and the second-place winner \$500.

The 2026 first-place winner was Dr Kanna Doi of Tohoku University for "Efficient Tooth Generation using iPSCS-Derived Dental Epithelial Cells" (Fig. 5) and second-place winner was Dr Qixuan He of The University of Hong Kong for "A Heterojunction Implant Coating for Ultrasound-Responsive Bactericidal and Neuromodulation".

Research submitted for the 2027 IADR is eligible for consideration for the award. Finalists for the award will be selected from the abstracts accepted for the General Session and requested to submit a 5-page extended abstract in order to compete, under the condi-

tion that the finalist meets the eligibility. The finalists for Frechette Competition will be excluded from the pool of the Pre-Prosthetic Regenerative Science Award finalists, whereas the applicants for the Frechette Competition who are not selected as its finalist will be considered. The extended abstracts will be judged for originality and scientific design of the research, and the scientific merit.

The 2026 Neal Garrett Award for Clinically Focused and Patient Centered Research was awarded to Dr Krista Jaya Ramdewor of The University of Nairobi for her research "Full Coverage Restorations Prolong the Survival of Endodontically-treated Posterior Teeth" (Fig. 6).

The award recognizes clinically focused and patient centered original research. The award of \$1000 is co-sponsored by the IADR Prosthodontics Research Group and funded by a generous bursary to the group from Future Leaders in Prosthodontics (FLiP). The award recognizes the lifetime work of Dr Neal Garrett and matches his efforts in patient centered care.

Researchers are encouraged to apply for the next Neal Garrett Award to be presented at the 105th IADR meeting in Melbourne, Australia in 2027. The abstract must be submitted to the Prosthodontics Research Group Poster Session of the IADR General Session, and the research presented must not have been published or considered for publication prior to the date of abstract submission. Researchers carrying out original research are eligible for the award if they have been the primary author of no more than three articles published in peer reviewed scientific journals.

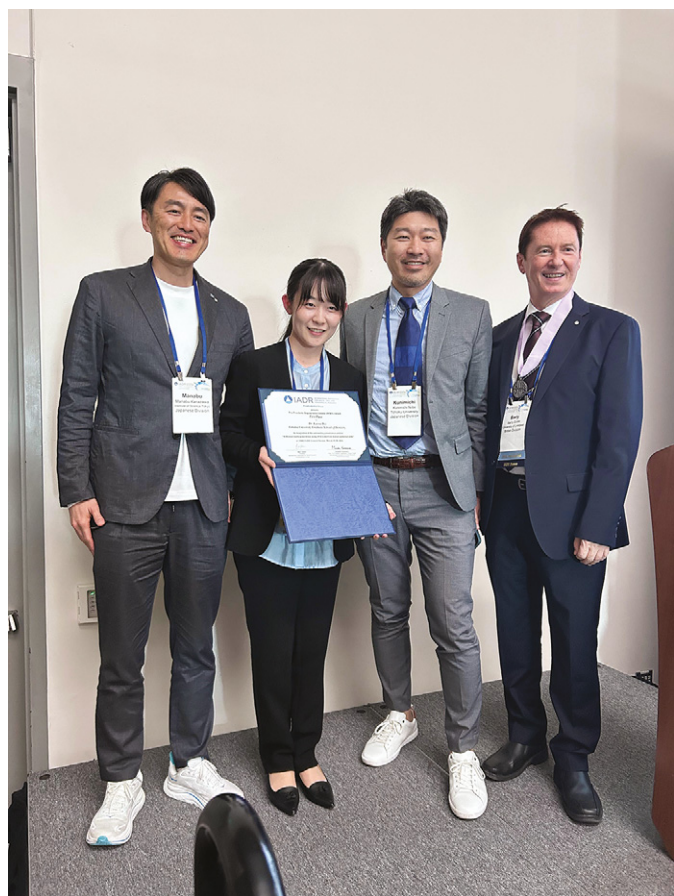


Figure 5. The 2026 Pre-Prosthetic Regenerative Science Award presentation. Left-to-right: Dr Manabu Kanazawa, Pre-Prosthetic Regenerative Science Award Chair, Dr Kanna Doi, Pre-Prosthetic Regenerative Science Award first-place winner; Dr Kunimichi Niibe, Tohoku University Graduate School of Dentistry, Dr. Barry Quinn, President IADR Prosthodontic Group.



Figure 6. The 2026 Neal Garrett Award presentation. Left-to-right: Dr Frauke Müller, Neal Garrett Award chair, Dr Krista Jaya Ramdewor, Neal Garrett Award winner; Barry Quinn, President IADR Prosthodontic Group.