100 years of scientific passion and curiosity: striving towards a healthier future.

Dear PER-IADR and IADR family,

This year IADR celebrates its centennial anniversary. With scientific passion and curiosity we look back at the past and forwards towards an even better future.

Our Pan European Region (PER) is strongly committed to maintaining its unique independence. Simultaneously, we are committed to fortifying collaboration within IADR. We are dedicated to the global scientific vision and mission and at the same time we reflect and advocate the profile of the European Region. **PER-IADR, thereby embodies a unique global and regional platform for scientific research and networking.** We are sure that the present PER-IADR Oral Health Research Congress will be a testimony to this very special aspect of scientific research. **Science is universal however, its transfer and application are dependent on regional characteristics.**

We are proud of the European scientists, past and present, who have led tremendous advances in dental research over the past 100 years. The circle of emerging and excelling younger scientists - the next generation continues to grow within PER-IADR and IADR. Together, we will follow and advance our legacy.

Decades ago, there were periods of high expectations when we believed that oral diseases had decreased and were even on the verge of elimination. Today we are more aware of the wider and more complex aspects of oral health quality of life, psycho-social, cultural, economic and even political determinants. We live in a turbulent world with an unpredictable future. Yes, dental health has improved, but oral diseases have not been eliminated and are still alarmingly prevalent among the early years of childhood, the elderly, the under privileged, the minority groups, and others. These inequalities are unacceptable and we are pledged towards advancing change and improvement.

PER-IADR is one of the largest, strongest, most influential, and long-established regions within IADR. Our members have proudly represented us at global leadership levels of IADR. We are all honored by this tradition. We are sure that the present biennial PER-IADR Oral Health Research Congress will demonstrate our on-going heritage — with our aims towards the next 100 years.

Submit your abstract to the upcoming PER-IADR Oral Health Research Congress in Marseille and don't miss your chance to have your work presented at the largest multi-disciplinary science meeting in Europe.

See you in Marseille!

Yours sincerely,



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