

CED-IADR ONLINE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 25, 2020 from 15:00 – 16:00 hr

1. Call to Order (Presenter: Imad About)

The president of the Continental European Division of IADR, Imad About (IAb), opened the General Assembly (GA) and welcomed all present CED-IADR members. IAb announced that all members had been invited in due time and were informed about the agenda in accordance with the CED-IADR bylaws. The General Assembly was therefore eligible to make decisions.

2. Approval of the Agenda (Presenter: Imad About)

The following agenda was approved unanimously:

AGENDA

1. Call to Order (IA)
2. Approval of the Agenda
3. President's Report (BVM)
4. Secretary's Report
5. Change of Bylaws
6. Treasurer's Report (RH)
7. Cash-Audit Report/Release of the Board
8. Elections (GS & BVM)
9. CED-IADR Summer School (RC)
10. Awards/Grants: (SB)
 - CED-IADR Robert Frank Award
 - CED-IADR Visiting Scholar Grant
 - IADR Hatton Competition and Awards
11. 'Young CED-IADR' and 'CED-IADR Ambassador' projects (AI)
12. Pan European Region (PER-IADR) (GS)
13. Future Congresses
14. Membership expiry (BVM)
15. Varia

3. President's Report (Presenter: Imad About)

- Due to the Covid-19 situation worldwide, the **PER-IADR Oral Health Research congress**, scheduled for September 10-12, 2020, **was postponed** to September 15-17, 2022, again to be held in Marseille, France.
- For the same reasons, the 2020 **CED-IADR Summer School**, entitled "**ASSESSMENT OF DENTAL MATERIALS WITH INVASIVE & NON-INVASIVE METHODS**", was postponed from May 11-15, 2020 to **April 26-30, 2021**.
- CED-IADR has taken the time to **amend the bylaws**. Amendments are necessary in order to specify that the leader or 'Chair' of the Young CED-IADR is an official member of the CED-IADR Board. Moreover, the new bylaws will include the article 'Force Majeure'. A vote for approval will be held later on.
- **On August 7, 2020, Prof. Dr. Robert Frank, the founder of CED-IADR, passed away.** At the occasion of the 2021 CED-IADR Oral Health Research congress in Brussels, Belgium, there will be a special event to honour him.

4. Secretary's Report (Presenter: Bart Van Meerbeek)

- A chart showing the membership count per country and per category over the course of seven years was presented to the GA. **The total member count is 732**, which is lower than previous years (average: 1,000) but still quite stable, given the extraordinary circumstances. Membership status on September 10, 2020: 508 regular members, 171 student members, 49 retired members, 3 affiliate members, 1 AADR member.
- **Main marketing efforts:**
 - **Newsletter** reporting on the highlights of the **2019 CED-IADR congress in Madrid**
 - **CED-IADR Summer School flyer**, announcement – postponement
 - **2020 PER-IADR Oral Health Research Congress:** newsletter and postponement
 - **Vacancy at KU Leuven BIOMAT**
 - **2020 CED-IADR Robert Frank competition** online
 - **Vacancy at Sydney**
 - **Robert Frank's passing away (14/8/'20)**

5. Changes of the Bylaws (Presenter: Bart Van Meerbeek)

As mentioned in the agenda and invitation, the **CED-IADR board proposed to amend the bylaws**. An email with a parallel overview of the original CED-IADR bylaws and the updated version in attachment was sent to all CED-IADR members for approval. The following main amendments were once again presented on the slides:

- **Article 9 – Young CED-IADR**
 - All Members **below the age of 40** are considered Young CED-IADR Members.
 - The 'Young CED-IADR' project aims at **supporting students and young researchers**.
 - Young CED-IADR is **represented in the CED-IADR Board** by the Young CED-IADR Chair.
- **Article 17 - CED-IADR Board – Members of the CED-IADR Board**

- The **Young CED-IADR Chair** is an **official member** of the CED-IADR **Board**.
- The Young CED-IADR Chair **term is three (3) years**.
- Any Regular Member who does not exceed the age of thirty-seven (37), can apply for the function/position of Young CED-IADR Chair, if vacant.
- The Young CED-IADR Chair is affiliated within the CED-IADR area.
- In the event that CED-IADR organises the upcoming PER-IADR congress, ... the CED-IADR President will serve solely for one (1) year, after which he will become past-president. In the event that the upcoming PER-IADR congress is not organised by CED-IADR, the CED-IADR President will serve for two (2) years.
- **Article 34 - Force Majeure**
 - ... natural disasters, or any other event beyond the Association's reasonable control make it illegal or impossible for the Association to convene the annual General Assembly and Board Meetings or to organise any other activity
- **Conclusions: The GA voted in favour of the amendments** by means of a poll (94% approved; 6% abstained). The Leuven secretariat will initiate the notarial process.
→ Note: only Regular and Retired Members were eligible to vote.

6. Treasurer's Report (Presenter: Reinhard Hickel)

The treasurer's reports for the period of September 1, 2019 to August 31, 2020 was presented to the GA by means of a table showing all expenses, incomes, the final balance, and a table presenting the four current bank accounts of CED-IADR. CED-IADR is looking for another bank to replace Rabobank (stopped bank account), thus not exceeding the maximum amount covered by the deposit insurance per bank account. Due to the pandemic, this is taking longer than expected. Another slide presented a comparison of CED-IADR's total amount of assets in 2019 to the one of 2020. In spite of this year's economic crisis, CED-IADR is in a good shape.

7. Cash-audit Report (Presenter: Reinhard Hickel)

Marleen Peumans (with regard to the cash-audit report of the Leuven non-profit association) has checked the CED-IADR accounting and provided the CED-IADR Secretariat with the cash-audit report. M. Peumans was not present at the GA but provided a letter that stated the following:

"The audit of the receipt and the inspection of the account book, as well as the statement of the account, gave no reason for complaint. All documents were complete and clearly arranged. I propose that the General Assembly discharge the Board from their liability."

The GA voted in favour of the Cash-audit Report by means of a poll (83% approved; 17% abstained).

8. Elections - proposal from the board (Presenter: Bart Van Meerbeek)

- The Board proposed **Imad About** (present at the GA) as **President Elect**. GS explained that, given the special circumstances, the PER-IADR congress in Marseille, France had to be postponed to 2022, which is why IA should be re-elected as President Elect.
- One vacant position for CED-IADR **Board Member**:
The proposed **Board Member** was introduced by BVM:
Marcio Vivian Cardoso (MVC), representing Belgium, was present at the GA.
BVM will retire as CED-IADR Secretary in 2021 and will be **replaced by MVC** to guarantee continuity in the administrative work of the CED-IADR Secretariat (run by Rosa Ciloglu & Suzanna Monard) in Leuven.
- The **GA voted in favour of the proposals for President Elect (94%) and Board Member (86%)** by means of a poll.

9. 2021 CED-IADR Summer School in Leipzig (Presenter: Rosa Ciloglu)

- The **2020 CED-IADR Summer School, entitled “ASSESSMENT OF DENTAL MATERIALS WITH INVASIVE & NON-INVASIVE METHODS”**, was **postponed** from May 11-15, 2020 to **April 26-30, 2021**, and will be organised by professors Sebastian Hahnel and Rainer Haak from the Department of Cariology, Endodontology & Periodontology of the Dental School of the University of Leipzig, Germany. Out of eighteen applicants, seventeen reconfirmed their participation in the 2021 Summer School. One applicant from the waiting list was admitted.
- Professor Gabor Varga agreed to organise the **2022 Summer School on “TRANSLATIONAL DENTAL RESEARCH FROM MOLECULAR PHYSIOLOGY TO CLINICAL APPLICATIONS”** at the Semmelweis University in **Budapest**, Hungary (July 4-8, 2022). There will be room for 24 applicants, who will be divided into four groups. Further announcements will follow in October 2021.

10. Awards / Stipends (Presenter: Sema Belli)

- **2020 CED-IADR Robert Frank Online Competition:**
 - Application and abstract submission via CED-IADR website
 - Pre-recorded presentations (video of 5-10 min)
 - **30 applications**, from which one was not selected
 - CED-IADR has striven for a more **transparent RF jury** (one BM and **two jury members from outside** the Board). The names of all jury members were presented to the GA.
 - Below are the names of **the RF winners per category**:
 - **Junior** (3 applications received, 2 accepted):
 - **Nicolas Obtel** (Paris, France) – 1st prize (€ 1,000)
 - **Ahmet Aydogdu** (Konya, Turkey) – 2nd prize (€ 500)
 - **Senior Clinical Research** (10 applications received):
 - **Madeline Kosho** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands) – 1st prize (€ 1,000)
 - **Stephanie van Leeuwen** (Nijmegen, The Netherlands) – 2nd prize (€ 500)
 - **Senior Basic Science Research** (17 applications received)

- **Matthias Widbiller** (Regensburg, Germany) – 1st prize (€ 1,000)
- **Chloé Lefournis** (Marseille, France) – 2nd prize (€ 500)

- **IADR Hatton Divisional Award**

From the CED-IADR 'Robert Frank Award Winners', up to three winners were selected by the jury to represent CED-IADR at the IADR Hatton Award Competition during the next General Session & Exhibition of IADR in 2021 in Boston, Mass. USA (July 21-24, 2021). The Competition will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

The Divisional Hatton Award candidates are the following:

- **Madeline Kosho** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- **Chloé Lefournis** (Marseille, France)
- **Matthias Widbiller** (Regensburg, Germany)

- **2020 CED-IADR Visiting Scholar Grant:**

There was only one application for the grant. The application was accepted after providing another revised and more detailed version of the study. Below some general information of the Visiting Scholar Grant winner:

- **Caroline Mocquot** (born: October 24, 1989)
 - affiliated to **Université de Paris, France**.
 - Study title: *“Characterization of the bioactive potential of new porous bioglasses in the remineralization of calcified dental tissues”*.
 - **Visiting Scholar Host: KU Leuven, Belgium – Bart Van Meerbeek**
 - Starting date: January, 2021 (six months' stay)

→ **Note:** Once a candidate has won the Grant, he/she may not apply again for the Visiting Scholar Grant in the future.

11. 'Young CED-IADR' and 'CED-IADR Ambassador' projects (Presenter: Andrei C. Ionescu)

- **Andrei** announced that he reached **the end of his 3-year term as first Young CED-IADR Chair**. He was proud to announce that **Mariano Simón Pedano De Piero** (KU Leuven, Belgium) was elected as his successor representing Young CED-IADR. Once the bylaws are amended, Simón Pedano De Piero will be the first Young CED-IADR Chair to **represent the Young CED-IADR as an official Board Member**.
- End-October 2020, the **Young CED-IADR will hold a 1.5-hour-long webinar entitled: “The impact of COVID-19 on oral health”**. The Leuven secretariat will soon send out an announcement including the date, time, lecture titles and log-in details of the ZOOM webinar. Colgate will give a **free digital training** to the Young CED-IADR speakers. The same training can be given to the Young CED-IADR Symposia speakers at the 2021 CED-IADR congress in Brussels.

The Young CED-IADR **webinar speakers**, who are all **under the age of 35**, are the following:

- **Kaat Ramaekers** – Leuven, Belgium.
- **Merve Benli** – Strassbourg, France
- **Fabian Cieplik** – Regensburg, Germany

The Young CED-IADR webinar chair is Fareeha Batool (Strassbourg, France) (later replaced by Mariano Simón Pedano De Piero).

- The **proposed speakers and lecture titles of the 2021 Young CED-IADR Symposia**, entitled “*New trends in tooth remineralization: are we getting closer to curing dental diseases?*”, are the following:
 - **Cher Farrugia (Chair)**– Sheffield, UK: “*Bacterial interactions with restorative materials: how close are we to defeating the invisible enemy*”.
 - **Nashtaran Meschi** – Leuven, Belgium: “*Regenerating the dentin-pulp complex defect with biomaterials: the clinical reality*”.
 - **Immaculada Cabello** – Granada, Spain: “*Dentin remineralization strategies: current and future trends*”.
 - **Matthias Widbiller** – Regensburg, Germany: “*Pulp response to potential threats: walking a tightrope between inflammation and regeneration*”.

12. Pan European Region (PER-IADR) (Presenter: Gottfried Schmalz)

- **PER-IADR stands for the Pan European Region of the International Association for Dental Research.** The following five IADR Divisions constitute PER-IADR: British Division (BSODR), Continental European Division (CED-IADR), Irish Division, Israeli Division, and Scandinavian Division (NOF). The objective of PER-IADR is to **promote research** in all aspects of oral and related sciences and to **strengthen the cooperation between the divisions**. Research is key to improving the oral health of the public and should therefore be facilitated through cooperation among investigators and communication on research findings and their implications throughout the association.
- PER-IADR was officially founded in Leuven, Belgium in 2013. Its contact details are: per.iadr@uzleuven.be.
- PER-IADR is a **subsidiary of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR)**. IADR is organised into five Regions for purposes of more effective and efficient delivery of IADR member services. PER-IADR is an international non-profit association.
- PER-IADR organises **congresses biennially**. Previous meetings were held in Helsinki, Dubrovnik, Jerusalem and London (2018). The next PER-IADR congress will be held in Marseille (September 15-17, 2022) and will be organised by CED-IADR.
- The current **PER-IADR president is Fionnuala Lundy** (Northern Ireland, UK). The past-president is Harold Sgan-Cohen (Israel). The vice-president will be elected in 2021. GS is PER-IADR’s representative in the IADR Global Board.
- PER-IADR is working on its relation with IADR. A **Business Plan**, submitted at the beginning of 2020, was well received by IADR. PER-IADR is hoping to receive more support from IADR to set up a **new PER-IADR secretariat**, whose main objective will be to improve the relations between the PER-IADR divisions. IADR will communicate its final decision by the end of this year.

13. Future congresses

- **CED-IADR congress (September 16-18, 2021) in Brussels, Belgium**
 - Congress President: Bart Van Meerbeek

- Possibility of a hybrid meeting
- No satellite symposium on Saturday
- Headquarters hotel: Warwick Brussels
- Coinciding with the World Championship Cycling competition
- Opening Ceremony in the City Hall of Brussels
- **PER-IADR congress (September 15-17, 2022) in Marseille, France**
Congress President: Imad About
IAb announced that the **postponement** of the **2020 PER-IADR congress in Marseille, France to 2022** went smoothly. The decision of postponement was made well in advance in order to avoid substantial financial losses. **The venue, PCO, insurance and hotel have agreed to the postponement without financial charge.**
- **CED-IADR congress in Rhodes, Greece (September 21-23, 2023)**
Congress President: William Papaioannou
WP explained that the **city of Rhodes is very cooperative. Hotel Rodos Palace** is a vacation resort (similar to Antalya, 2015); The hotel seems **big enough for our congress and very flexible. The final offer is acceptable for CED-IADR.**
Rooms: € 120 - 150 for single use; € 130 - 170 for double occupancy per night, and even bigger rooms available.
The site-visit, which will hopefully take place in the spring of 2021, will provide us with more details regarding the HQ Hotel and venue.
The GA provisionally voted in favour of the proposal of Rhodes as the 2023 location.
- IADR-at-large/PER-IADR congress in Barcelona (June 25-28, 2025)
- **2024 CED-IADR congress in Geneva, Switzerland; proposal presented by Anton Sculean:**
 - The proposal is supported by the local dental school and professor Frauke Müller.
 - Thanks to the connection with the FDI, the **costs** for the congress **venue are very reasonable.** Other costs (catering, AV) appear to be quite reasonable as well.
 - The City of Geneva is located in the center of Europe and flight connections are very good.
 - **Public transport** will be offered to congress participants **at the expense of the city.**

14. Membership expiry (Presenter: Bart Van Meerbeek)

According to the CED-IADR bylaws, the membership of colleagues or students who did not renew their membership, nor paid the due for the next year, will have expired by the end of 2020. If outstanding dues were paid by October 31, 2020, membership will have been renewed. The list was provided by the IADR Central Office and presented at the GA. The General Assembly voted unanimously in favour (93 %) of the membership expiry.

A question in the chat was raised as to why names are exposed like this. Bart explained that, according to the bylaws, we have to observe this formality. The CED-IADR Secretariat will amend this aspect in the bylaws if it is in line with the Belgian laws regarding associations.

15. Varia

- Imad About (Marseille, France) thanked David Herrera for serving CED-IADR and for organising an excellent CED-IADR congress in Madrid, Spain in 2019. IA congratulated Andrei for his excellent term as first Young CED-IADR Chair. They will both receive a certificate and token of appreciation from the CED-IADR Secretariat.
- Imad About virtually conferred his presidency on Bart Van Meerbeek. Bart has many years of experience within the CED-IADR and will lead the association in the best way possible.

I. About (President)

B. Van Meerbeek (President-Elect)

R. Hickel (Treasurer)

D. Herrera (Past-President)

A. Piattelli (Board Member)

S. Belli (Board Member)

A. Sculean (Board Member)

C. Volgenant (Board Member)