

# CED - IADR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

September 17, 2021 from 12:30 – 13:30 hr

In the Arc, Square Convention Centre, Brussels, Belgium

## 1. Call to Order (Presenter: Bart Van Meerbeek)

The president of the Continental European Division of IADR, Bart Van Meerbeek, opened the General Assembly (GA) and welcomed all present CED-IADR members. The President 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: Bart Van Meerbeek)

The following agenda was approved unanimously:

## AGENDA

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### 3. President's Report (Presenter: Bart Van Meerbeek)

- At the beginning of 2021, the CED-IADR/NOF congress organising committee opted for a **Hybrid congress** set-up to allow participants who were unable/unwilling to travel due to Covid-19 to connect virtually via an online platform.
- This set-up gave us the flexibility to allow '**late abstract submissions**', which was very successful. Last-minute abstracts were allowed to be submitted **between June 21 – July 4, 2021** for virtual poster presentation only, as there was no exhibition.
- **Due to evolving Covid-19 measures** in Brussels, there were **many changes** to be made for the in-person event. Hence, the many newsletters and congress mailings/announcements.
- Also due to the impact of Covid worldwide, we offered a **reduced 'IADR Member' registration fee for participants from European lower- & upper-middle income countries**. The eligibility of countries was defined in accordance with the World Bank classification.
- Virtual registration and access to the **virtual congress platform is open until October 17, 2021**.
- The congress statistics were presented to the General Assembly:
 

✓ 11 Symposia	✓ 398 abstracts received
✓ 1 Keynote lecture	✓ 86 In-person oral presentation
✓ 17 In-person oral sessions	✓ 67 virtual oral presentation
✓ 18 Virtual oral sessions	✓ 194 virtual poster presentations
✓ 28 Virtual poster sessions	✓ 530 congress registrations
✓ 1 Young CED-IADR symposium	✓ 270 in-person participants
✓ 1 Young CED-IADR seminar	✓ Virtual exhibition
✓ 3 Young CED-IADR workshops	✓ Virtual moderated company sessions
- At the end of 2020, a new committee was formed to guarantee a transparent selection procedure of future CED-IADR Board Members. The **Board Member candidates shortlist** was sent to all members along with the agenda and invitation to the General Assembly on September 1, 2021.
- The **CED-IADR Bylaws need to be amended** due to the new Belgian legislation regarding (international) non-profit associations. A new **proposal** including the mandatory changes and the changes approved at the online General Assembly (September 25, 2020) was also sent to all members along with the agenda and invitation.
- In the past nine months, six **webinars** were organised by CED-IADR Board Members or Ambassadors to remain active as an association during the pandemic. At the Winter Board Meeting in February 2022, the Board will decide if it is viable for CED-IADR to continue holding webinars.

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

- A chart showing the membership count per country and per category over the course of eight years was presented to the General Assembly. Membership clearly depends on meeting occurrence, kind and site. **The total member count is 807**, which is lower than previous years (average: 1,000) but still better than 2020 (count: 732), when no meeting was held.

- Membership status on September 4, 2021: 508 regular members, 242 student members, 51 retired members, 4 affiliate members, 2 AADR member.
- **Main marketing efforts:**
  - ✓ Vacancy at University of Geneva and published '2019 IADR Pulp Biology and Regeneration Group meeting' proceedings (28/9/20).
  - ✓ The Presidency of PER-IADR is now passed over from Harold Sgan-Cohen to Fionnuala Lundy (6/10/'20).
  - ✓ Invitation to the CED-IADR webinar "The impact of COVID-19 on oral health" organized by YOUNG CED-IADR (15/10/'20).
  - ✓ CED-IADR webinar "The 2020 CED-IADR Robert Frank competition winners" organized by YOUNG CED-IADR (20/11/'21 & 8/12/'20).
  - ✓ CED-IADR 2020 Christmas Message & Newsletter (21/12/'20).
  - ✓ CED-IADR E-Learning "Regenerative periodontal therapy: from lab to clinic" on March 29, 2021 (18/3/'21)
  - ✓ Two CED-IADR Board Member vacancies representing Spain/Portugal and Turkey - New BM Election Procedure (9/3/21).
  - ✓ CED-IADR E-Learning "Quiz on clinical oral prevention" on Monday, May 31, 2021 (17/5/'21 & 31/5/'21).
  - ✓ CED-IADR E-Learning "Useful research methods to acquire qualitative/quantitative data in Adhesive Dentistry" on Saturday, June 26, 2021 organised by YOUNG CED-IADR (8/6/'21 & 25/6/'21).
  - ✓ Vacancies at UZ Leuven (26/8/21)

## 5. Amendments to the Bylaws (Presenter: Bart Van Meerbeek)

As mentioned in the agenda and invitation, **CED-IADR is obliged by the Belgian law to amend the bylaws.** The updated version was sent to all members along with the invitation to the General Assembly. All changes were highlighted in yellow.

**Conclusion: The General Assembly approved the bylaws.**

## 6. Treasurer's Report (Presenter: Marcio Vivan Cardoso on behalf of Reinhard Hickel)

The treasurer's reports for the period of August 31, 2020 – August 31, 2021 was presented to the General Assembly by means of a table showing all expenses, incomes, the final balance, and a table presenting the four current bank accounts of CED-IADR. Another slide presented a comparison of CED-IADR's total amount of assets in 2020 to the one of 2021. The balance is negative. However, this is not a surprise in such exceptional times. Hybrid meetings are after all very costly and additionally we offered 'low income countries' and 'virtual' participants a reduction. The Board was aware of the possibility of a negative balance but also considered it important to organise the meeting in its hybrid form to keep on promoting dental research even in difficult times.

**Taking into account the economic crisis and in spite of the many risks CED-IADR took to hold a hybrid congress, we are in a good financial shape.**

## 7. Cash-audit Report

Marleen Peumans, present at the General Assembly, was responsible for the cash-audit report of the Leuven non-profit association and 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.”

**Conclusion: The General Assembly discharged the Board.**

## 8. Elections

Presenter: Bart Van Meerbeek

- The 2020 General Assembly elected the following officers who take automatically the next function:
  - ✓ President-elect (1-year appointment) **Imad About** (Marseille, France) takes over the function of **President**.
  - ✓ President (1-year appointment) & Secretary (6-year appointment) **Bart Van Meerbeek** (Leuven, Belgium) takes over the function of **Past-President**.
- The Board proposed the following officers to be elected in the following functions:
  - ✓ **Marcio Vivian Cardoso** (Leuven, Belgium) to succeed Bart Van Meerbeek as **Secretary**. He already contributed to the CED-IADR secretariat for some time as Board Member and would be the perfect fit for the position of Secretary.
  - ✓ **William Papaioannou** (Athens, Greece) to become **President-Elect** and succeed Imad About as President in September 2022 for the organisation of the CED-IADR/NOF congress in Rhodes, Greece (September 21-23, 2023).

**Conclusion: The General Assembly approved the proposal of the Board by showing hands.**

Presenter: Imad About

- CED-IADR has implemented a **new procedure for the transparent selection of future CED-IADR Board Members**. The committee outlined a set of essential **criteria** that should be considered when there is a vacant position; the CED-IADR board will keep the **concept of balance** in mind by:
  - ✓ Ensuring the stability of the Leuven office with the position of the secretary in Belgium as a robust and stable core of the association.
  - ✓ Ensuring representation of the high membership countries (e.g. Germany, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey).
  - ✓ Ensuring the representation of the other countries (countries with relatively low membership) in a rotating system.

- ✓ Considering a balanced representation of all main dental research fields (e.g. DM/Restorative dentistry, Biology/Immunology, Implant/Periodontology, Cariology/Prevention)
- ✓ Striving for gender balance
- ✓ Striving for balance in age groups/research career
  - ➔ A rotating system applies whenever one or more criteria cannot be fulfilled at once.
  - ➔ Candidates must have a permanent university position and should be a regular CED-IADR member.
- The **short-list** for the vacant position of **Board Member representing Turkey** was presented to the General Assembly:
  - Sema Hakki (Konya, Turkey)
  - Sebnem Turkun (Izmir, Turkey)

**Conclusion: 28 votes for Sebnem Turkun;** 9 votes for Sema Hakki (voted by ballot)
- The **short-list** for the vacant position of **Board Member representing Portugal/Spain** was presented to the General Assembly:
  - Joana Marques (Lisbon, Portugal)
  - Laura Ceballos (Madrid, Spain)

**Conclusion: 30 votes for Laura Ceballos;** 8 votes for Joana Marques (voted by ballot)
- Five regular members appointed another regular member present at the General Assembly to be their proxy holder. The **proxy form** was sent to all members along with the agenda and invitation to the General Assembly. As mentioned in the invitation letter, Regular CED-IADR members present at the CED-IADR General Assembly may represent only one regular member who is unable to attend the General Assembly and has completed the Member's Proxy form.

## 9. CED-IADR Summer Schools (Presenter: Bart Van Meerbeek)

- The 2021 **CED-IADR Summer School, entitled "ASSESSMENT OF DENTAL MATERIALS WITH INVASIVE & NON-INVASIVE METHODS"**, was **postponed to February 2022** 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. Application is closed.
- 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 between July 4-8, 2022. There will be room for 24 applicants, who will be divided into four groups. Further announcements will follow.

## 10. Awards / Stipends (Presenter: Sema Belli)

- The **Travel/Attendance Award Winners** were presented to the General Assembly. All present in-person winners received their certificate at the end of the General Assembly meeting.
- CED-IADR **My First Research Poster Winners**:
  - ✓ 1st prize (€ 500 + 1 year free membership): **Ella Ohlsson** (Regensburg, Germany) – "Amniotic Epithelium- A Possible Stem Cell Source for Pulp Regeneration?"
  - ✓ 2nd prize (€ 250 + 1 year free membership): **Jolien Van den Bosch** (Hasselt, Belgium) – "Characterization of the 4NQO rat model for oral squamous cell carcinoma"

- **2021 CED-IADR Robert Frank Online Competition:**

- Application were submitted via the congress submission site.
- Online competitions were held two weeks prior to the congress.
- CED-IADR has striven for a more **transparent Robert Frank jury** (one BM and **two jury members from outside** the Board). The names of all jury members were presented to the General Assembly. Anyone who wants to volunteer as jury member, may send her/his CV and application to [ced.iadr@uzleuven.be](mailto:ced.iadr@uzleuven.be).
- Below are the names of **the Robert Frank winners per category:**
  - **Junior** (4 competitors):
    - ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> prize (€ 1,000 + 1 year free membership): **Mehmet Ali Soylu** (Selçuklu, Turkey)
  - **Senior Clinical Research** (15 competitors):
    - ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> prize (€ 1,000 + 1 year free membership): **Athina Christina Georgiou** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
    - ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (€ 500 + 1 year free membership): **Catalina Moreno Rabie** (Leuven, Belgium)
  - **Senior Basic Science Research** (15 competitors)
    - ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> prize (€ 1,000 + 1 year free membership): **Lara Hemeryck** (Leuven, Belgium)
    - ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (€ 500 + 1 year free membership): **Manuel Toledano-Osorio** (Granada, Spain)
    - ✓ 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (€ 500 + 1 year free membership) **Anna Ockerman** (Leuven, Belgium)

- **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 during the next General Session & Exhibition of IADR in 2022 in Chengdu, China (June 22-25, 2022). The competition will take place virtually on June 23, 2022.

**The Divisional Hatton Award candidates** are the following:

- **Athina Christina Georgiou** (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- **Lara Hemeryck** (Leuven, Belgium)
- **Manuel Toledano-Osorio** (Granada, Spain)

- **2021 CED-IADR Visiting Scholar Grant:**

**No applications** were received for the 2021 CED-IADR Visiting Scholar Grant.

CED-IADR wants to encourage as many young researchers and students in the field of oral health as possible to apply for the Visiting Scholar Grant, given that it is a great opportunity for students to conduct research abroad in a lab of excellence, thus expanding their international network.

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

## 11. 'Young CED-IADR' and 'CED-IADR Ambassador' projects (Presenter: Simón Pedano)

- Between October 2020 and December 2020, we have **restructured the team of Ambassadors**. Those above the age of 37 were contacted and requested to propose a younger colleague to continue the task of Ambassador. Those below the age of 37 were asked if they are still interested in being part of the team. On March 30, 2021, a Young CED-IADR **online meeting** was held **to brainstorm** and discuss the future working of the group. September 2021, we count 35 motivated young oral health researchers from most of the countries within our

division. An **in-person Ambassadors' meeting** is scheduled for Friday, September 17, 2021 between 16:00-17:00 hr in the Arc Room.

- Creation of **Scientific Working Groups** to ensure continuity and variety for e-learning activities (“Dental Materials”, “Periodontology and Implant Dentistry”, “Microbiology & Immunology”)
- **Ambassadors are very active during the congress. They organized the 2021 Young CED-IADR Symposia** (supported by Colgate), entitled “*New trends in tooth remineralization: are we getting closer to curing dental diseases?*”, with the following speakers:
  - **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*”.
  - **Matthias Widbiller** – Regensburg, Germany: “*Pulp response to potential threats: walking a tightrope between inflammation and regeneration*”.

Moreover, **three Young CED-IADR workshops** were held **by Amassadors and Board Members**:

- Thursday, September 16: “**How to Write Scientific Reports: From Manuscript Submission to Grant Applications**”. Chaired by Bart Van Meerbeek with Simón Pedano De Piero and Xin Li (KU Leuven, Belgium)
- Friday, September 17: “**Tips and Tricks for Scientific Communications (Oral & Poster)**”. Chaired by Imad About (University of Marseille, France) with Sema Belli (Selcuk University, Turkey) and Tedy Karteva (Medical University of Plovdiv, Bulgaria)
- Saturday, September 18: “**Designing High-Quality Research: Study Design, Data Management and Statistical Analysis.**” Chaired by Conchita Martín with Elena Figuero and Eduardo Montero (University Complutense of Madrid, Spain).

Finally, a **Young CED-IADR seminar on Science Communication** (supported by Kulzer) was held on Thursday afternoon between 13:30-18:00 hr.

- **New workshop ideas** for young researchers:
  - Young CED-IADR workshop in Statistics (Basic Parametric and Non-parametric statistics)
  - Scientific Communication [“How to get your message accross (online)”, “Tips & Tricks on paper publication and revision”]
  - Mental Health (“Workshop on stress management for clinicians and academics”)
- We hope to increase the network by reaching other countries & dental specialties within CED-IADR.

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

- **PER-IADR** (a non-profit association) **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 is a **subsidiary of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR)**. IADR kindly agreed to support a half-time position to prepare the 2022 congress in Marseille and to improve communication between the divisions. Furthermore, as a result of the intervention from PER during recent years, IADR GHQ had signed a contract with Kellen, an association services provider, to supply IADR Regions (with the exception of NAR, who received separate funding) with secretarial support, in order to strengthen the Regions (main topic at last-year's IADR Board Meeting) for purposes of more effective and efficient delivery of IADR Member Services. Within this contract, Kellen Brussels will also offer administrative support to PER-IADR. PER-IADR officers had a lunch meeting with Kellen on September 16, 2021 to start the cooperation.
- 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.
- **Gottfried Schmalz** (representative at IADR Global) **is running for IADR vice-president**. Members can vote between September 20 and November 22, 2021.
- **EU Research Project**: It has been agreed to proceed with the topic 'alternative materials for amalgam replacement. Several contacts with the EU and with national contact points have been established to bring oral health to the attention of the EU. Collaboration with manufacturers has been proposed and Dentsply has been contacted. Presently, a draft proposal is being formulated. Later more partners including those in Eastern/middle European countries are needed.

### 13. Future congresses

- **PER-IADR congress (September 15-17, 2022) in Marseille, France**  
Congress President: Imad About  
The postponement of the 2020 PER-IADR congress in Marseille, France to 2022 went smoothly. The venue, PCO, insurance and hotel have agreed to the **postponement without financial charge**. Headquarter hotel and many others are at a walking distance from the venue.
- **CED-IADR congress in Rhodes, Greece (September 21-23, 2023)**  
Congress President: William Papaioannou  
The Rhodes proposal was approved by the 2020 General Assembly.
- **2024 CED-IADR congress in Geneva, Switzerland; proposal presented by Anton Sculean in 2020:**  
The proposal is supported by the local dental school and professor Frauke Müller.  
→ the General Assembly will vote on the proposal in 2022.

### 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 expire by the end of 2021. If outstanding dues are paid by October 31, 2021, membership will be renewed. The list is provided by the IADR Central Office and can be consulted upon request. There were print-outs available



during the meeting. Names of expired members are not anymore presented to the entire General Assembly since there was a complaint during the online General Assembly in 2020 when a question was raised in the chat as to why names are exposed.

## 15. Varia

- The General Assembly said goodbye to **Sema Belli** (representative of Turkey). The Board thanked her for her valuable contributions as congress organising committee member and Chair of the Awards & Grants during her last year as Board Member. She received a certificate and token of appreciation.
- **Imad About** received the hammer from Bart Van Meerbeek as a token of presidency. **The new president** thanked and congratulated Bart Van Meerbeek for his outstanding service to CED-IADR, upon which the **Past-President received a standing ovation** from the General Assembly.
- **Bart Van Meerbeek** expressed his gratefulness for having first joined the CED-IADR Board at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of CED-IADR in Montpellier, France in 1999. After serving CED-IADR as Board Member and Treasurer, he became Secretary and transferred the CED-IADR Secretariat from Regensburg, Germany to Leuven, Belgium. **He served CED-IADR** twelve years as Secretary and finally one year as President. In total, **a period of 22 years**.

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B. Van Meerbeek (President & Secretary)

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R. Hickel (Treasurer)

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A. Piattelli (Board Member)

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A. Sculean (Board Member)

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I. About (Past-President)

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C. Volgenant (Board Member)

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S. Belli (Board Member)

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M. Vivan Cardoso (Board Member)