

IADR Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Network

Appointment of Regional Councilors

IADR - GOHIRN

The IADR Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Network (GOHIRN) was approved by the IADR Council at the IADR General Session in June 2012, and had their first symposium at the IADR General Session in Seattle in March 2013.

The key objectives of the Network are as follows:

- 1) To stimulate, promote and foster research on Global Oral Health Inequalities.
- 2) To promote and encourage collaboration in research focused on Global Oral Health Inequalities, particularly with the wider health community;
- 3) To promote interdisciplinary research collaboration among those with an interest in Global Oral Health Inequalities in research institutions, schools and other centers;
- 4) To provide mentoring to junior faculty and students at all levels of training in terms of career development and research focus;
- 5) To support IADR in promoting global oral health inequalities research and in collaborating with other international organizations;
- 6) The goals for the Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Network include:
 - a) Encouraging programs of excellence in global oral health sciences and international health within universities and other appropriate institutions, not confined to dental schools
 - b) Encouraging capacity building initiatives in global oral health research.

Newly elected IADR President Helen Whelton expressed support for the GOHIRN initiative in her inaugural speech, and there are strong links and synergies between and other IADR Groups Network such as the Behavioral, Epidemiologic and Health Services Research Group (BEHSR) whose President, Dr Colman McGrath spoke at the Business meeting describing GOHIRN as an important and exciting IADR initiative.

Network Membership

Even prior to the Seattle meeting, there were 150 members, and the success of the GOHIRN symposium, with good attendance at all aspects of GOHIRN activities is an indication of the enthusiasm that exists within our research community to undertake collaborative and interdisciplinary research. Debate and discussions at the Business meeting reaffirmed the widely held belief that the major challenges that inequalities in oral health present are unlikely to be solved by disciplines and Groups working in isolation.

Regional Councilors

At the GOHIRN Business meeting it was agreed that a strong presence in the regions was essential part of our implementation agenda, and therefore regional GOHIRN Councilors should be appointed. These advocates would be a point of contact in their region through which information about the "implementation" of the GOHIRN action plan could be channeled. This is likely to involve interaction with relevant regional / local initiatives on health inequalities, website updates, updating use of social media such as Facebook and Twitter.

The GOHIRN Executive Committee would like to invite nominations for GOHIRN Councilors in each IADR region who would be willing to assist with dissemination of information relevant to our activities and implementation aspirations. Nominations are being sought from IADR members throughout the region and we would be grateful if all nominees have agreed for their names to be put forward, and returned to the IADR by Friday 31 May 2013.

Peter Mossey (Secretary)

Current GOHIRN Officers: John Greenspan (President), David Williams (Vice-president), Sudeshni Naidoo (Treasurer), David Alexander (Asst Treasurer), Stephen Challacombe (GPC representative), Simone Moyses (Councillor),

GOHIRN: Nomination of Regional Councilor

Please note: you and the nominee must both be IADR Members in good standing to participate in the ballot. If you are not currently and IADR Member you can join by visiting the IADR

Website: <https://iadr.enoah.com/Home/JoinorRenew/tabid/9425/Default.aspx-.UBvKWKk5G24>

REGION:

YOUR NAME:

IADR DIVISION/SECTION OF WHICH YOU ARE A MEMBER:

Election of Regional Councilor for GOHIRN

Please indicate your nomination in the table below:

POSITION	NOMINEE	e-mail	Section
GOHIRN Regional Councilor			

Please email your completed nomination paper to:

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Network Membership Dues

Tiered dues apply in GOHIRN:

Members from World Bank High Income Countries dues of \$20;

Members from World Bank Upper Middle Income Countries dues of \$10;

Members from World Bank Lower Middle Income or below would pay \$8.

Constitution: IADR Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Network

Article 1.

The name of the organization shall be the International Association of Dental Research (IADR) Global Oral Health Research Network (GOHIRN).

Article 2. Objectives

- 7) To stimulate, promote and foster research on Global Oral Health Inequalities.
- 8) To promote and encourage collaboration in research focused on Global Oral Health Inequalities, particularly with the wider health community;
- 9) To promote interdisciplinary research collaboration among those with an interest in Global Oral Health Inequalities in research institutions, schools and other centers;
- 10) To provide mentoring to junior faculty and students at all levels of training in terms of career development and research focus;
- 11) To support IADR in promoting global oral health inequalities research and in collaborating with other international organizations;
- 12) The goals for the Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Network include:
 - c) encouraging of programs of excellence in global oral health sciences and international health within universities and other appropriate institutions, not confined to dental schools
 - d) encouraging capacity building initiatives in global oral health research.

Article 3. Membership

1. Full membership is open to any member of the IADR who has an interest in Global Oral Health Inequalities Research issues. Dues are paid directly to IADR.
2. Student membership is open to any undergraduate, predoctoral or postgraduate student who is also student member of IADR.
3. The IADR Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Network committee will make decisions about the annual dues.
4. Membership should be terminated for the following reasons: non-payment of network dues for more than 12 months; no longer IADR member in good standing; resignation from the Network.

Article 4. Officers

Officers of the IADR Global Oral Health Inequalities Research network form the Executive Committee of the network and their length of their terms of office is as follows:

Chair: three years (founding Chair one year), one term maximum

Vice Chair: three years (founding Vice Chair one year), one term maximum

Secretary: three years, two term maximum

Treasurer: three years, two term maximum

Program Chair: two years

The office terms will align with IADR Officer terms, i.e. an IADR “year”, is from the close of one General Session through the close of the next General Session. Nominations will be encouraged to reflect the regional organization of IADR.

Article 5. Officer Duties

1. The Chair will coordinate the meetings and activities of the Network and present the annual report.
2. The Vice Chair will be observing at the IADR Council. The Vice Chair will preside at all meeting of the Network at the absence of the Chair. The Vice Chair succeeds the Chair.
3. The Secretary will produce the annual electronic newsletter, organize the business meeting and the Webpage with IADR
4. The Treasurer will be responsible of the financial management of the Network, generating of the financial statement and reporting to the network membership.
5. The Program chair will review the scientific program and proposals to the Network. Also, the program chair will be in charge of symposia, workshops and other education related activities as appropriate.

Article 6. Officer Vacancies

Vacancies due to resignations or other reasons shall be filled in the following manner:

- 1 Chair: The Vice-Chair shall serve as Chair for the remaining term and shall thereafter remain in office for the following term.
- 2 Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair: If a vacancy shall occurs, The Executive Committee shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term.

Article 7. Nominations and Elections

Nominations should be sent to the secretary at least 45 days before elections. Only members of the network in good standing may stand for election or make nominations. A proposer and seconder should make each nomination.

All five Officers will be elected in June 2012, their election will take place during the annual business meeting. Thereafter, in future years, there will be electronic balloting. This will be completed three weeks prior to the annual meeting and a decision will be made by simply majority of votes cast

Article 8. Dues

The Executive Committee shall decide the amount of annual dues and authorize the Treasurer to collect payment from each member through the IADR Global Headquarters annual invoicing process.

Funds for the GOHIRN may be expended only on general or specific authorization of the Executive Committee.

Article 9. Changes to the Constitution

Recommended changes in the constitution shall be notified in writing to all full members not less than 1 week before the Annual Business Meeting. Changes will be implemented following the approval of not less than two-thirds of full members present at the Annual Business Meeting, subject to the approval of Council of IADR

Article 10. Meetings

- 1 There shall be an annual business meeting, in accord with the Constitution and Bylaws of the IADR. This meeting shall normally be in conjunction with the annual general session of the IADR.
- 2 Additional scientific, special and/or business meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Executive Committee with advance notification to all Network members.
- 3 Presentation at the scientific program(s) including organization of symposia and/or workshop will be encouraged.

Article 11. Operations

The Network will at all times operate under the rules of the IADR, the IADR Code of Ethics and will be subject to the authority of the Council of IADR.