IADR Constitution Changes - Adding *JDR CTR* Editor to Board – Action

At the December 2017 Board meeting the Board requested the Constitution Committee draft language to add the Editor-in-Chief of the *JDR Clinical & Translational Research* to the IADR Board of Directors. The IADR Constitution Committee has vetted the following language.

Additions are marked in **BOLD** and **UNDERLINE**. Deletions are marked with **STRIKETHROUGH**.

**IADR CONSTITUTION**  
*Adopted March 24, 1957; Revised through March 25, 2017*  
*International Association for Dental Research*

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**ARTICLE I. NAME**

This organization is named: International Association for Dental Research herein referred to as the IADR or the Association.

**ARTICLE II. OBJECTIVES**

The Association has been established to promote research in all aspects of craniofacial, oral and dental research, to encourage development of improved methods for the prevention and treatment of oral and dental diseases, to improve the oral health of the public through research, and to facilitate cooperation among investigators and the communication of research findings and their implications throughout the world.
ARTICLE III. CORPORATE STATUS

This Association is a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, United States of America. If the corporation shall be dissolved at any time, no part of its funds or property shall be distributed to its members; but, after payment of all indebtedness of the corporation, its surplus funds shall be used for craniofacial, oral dental research in such manner as the then-governing body of the Association shall determine.

ARTICLE IV. REGIONS, DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

Section 1. ORGANIZATION

(A) REGIONS. The IADR Board, with the approval of Council, shall organize the Divisions and non-Divisional Sections into Regions for purposes of more effective and efficient delivery of IADR member services. Each Region will have a Regional Board of Directors as defined in the Bylaws.

(B) DIVISIONS. Members of the Association in any nation or group of geographically related nations, with the approval of the Council, may organize a Division after maintaining Section status for one year and having demonstrated the ability to conduct scientific and business sessions during this period. A Division will be comprised of a minimum number of members as specified in the Bylaws.

(C) SECTIONS. Ten or more members within a Divisional area may, with the approval of the Division, organize a Section (except the Institutional and Corporate Sections) for the advancement of the objectives of the Division and the Association. In the event the locality or localities are not within the limits of a Division, a non-Divisional Section may be organized with ten or more members of the Association upon approval by the Council.

(D) INSTITUTIONAL SECTION. Each Institutional Section Member will designate one representative from its institution to represent it in the Institutional Section. Institutional members will have representation in the Council through one Councilor elected by the Institutional Section. The representatives of Institutional Section Members must be members of the Association, in accordance with the Bylaws.

(E) CORPORATE SECTION. Each Corporate Section Member will designate one representative from its corporation to represent it in the Corporate Section. Corporate members will have representation in the Council through one Councilor elected by the Corporate Section. The representatives of Corporate Section Members must be members of the Association, in accordance with the Bylaws.

Section 2. MANAGEMENT. The affairs of the Divisions and Sections shall be managed in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and of the related Division.
Section 3. SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION. Approval of a Division or Section may be revoked or suspended for non-maintenance of the minimum number of members required for formation, failing to hold a meeting for two consecutive years, failing to report its activities and its membership, non-compliance with the Association’s Constitution, or for other good cause shown. Suspension or revocation will be determined at an Annual Meeting of Council, by a two-thirds vote of the Council members present and voting. The Division or Section threatened with suspension or revocation shall be so notified by the Chief Executive Officers at least 120 days before the Annual Meeting, and shall be entitled to appear before Council in the form of a delegation of members or Officers, by representation, or by submission of a written statement to defend its right to exist.

ARTICLE V. GROUPS, GROUP CHAPTERS AND NETWORKS

Section 1. GROUPS. Members of the Association interested in any scientific branch or professional field related to craniofacial, oral and dental science, with the approval of the Council, may organize a Group to further the objectives of the Association. A Group will be comprised of a minimum number of members as specified by the Bylaws.

Section 2. GROUP CHAPTERS. Ten or more members of a Group within a Division or a non-Divisional Section, with the approval of the related Division or Section, may organize a Group Chapter for the advancement of the objectives of the Association and the Division or Section.

Section 3. NETWORKS. Members of the Association, with the approval of the Council, may organize a Network for the advancement of the objectives of the Association. A Network will be comprised of a minimum number as specified by the Bylaws.

Section 4. MANAGEMENT. The affairs of Groups, Group Chapters and Networks shall be managed in conformity with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association and of the related Division.

Section 5. SUSPENSION AND REVOCATION. Approval of a Group, Group Chapter or Network may be suspended or revoked for non-maintenance of the minimum number of members required for formation, failing to hold a meeting for two consecutive years, failing to report its activities and its membership, non-compliance with the Association’s Constitution, or for other good cause shown. Suspension or revocation will be determined at the Annual Meeting of the Council, by a two-thirds vote of the Council members present and voting. The Group, Chapter or Network threatened with suspension or revocation shall be so notified by the Chief Executive Officer at least 120 days before the annual General Session, and shall be entitled to appear before Council in the form of a delegation of members or Officers, by representation, or by submission of a written statement to defend its right to exist.
ARTICLE VI. MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. ELIGIBILITY

(A) **INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP.** Any individual, without any considerations of color, caste, race, religion, age, gender, national or ethnic origin, or disability, who is interested in Dental Science and Dental Research shall be eligible for membership in this Association, as set forth in the Bylaws.

(B) **INSTITUTIONAL MEMBERSHIP.** Any educational institution, research institution or center, government agency, interested in craniofacial, oral or dental related research shall be eligible for membership in a Division and/or in an at-large Institutional Section, subject to the eligibility requirements and approval of the Division or the Association and the limitations of Article IV C. The formation of an Institutional Section within a Division shall be optional with the Division.

(C) **CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP.** Any corporation interested in craniofacial, oral or dental related research shall be eligible for membership in a Division and/or in an at-large Corporate Section, subject to the eligibility requirements and approval of the Division or the Association and the limitations of Article IV. The formation of a Corporate Section within a Division shall be optional with the Division.

Section 2. ACTIVATION OF MEMBERSHIP. Any individual eligible for membership under the Constitution and Bylaws and whose membership credentials have been found acceptable to the respective Division or Section shall become a member of the Association. Applications may be approved by the Membership and Recruitment Committee on a periodic basis. New members may immediately receive a probationary membership upon submission of application and payment, and will become official members upon review of their application.

Section 3. SUSPENSION OR TERMINATION.

(A) Membership may be terminated automatically by a member upon delivery of a formal notice to the Chief Executive Officer of that member’s resignation.

(B) The membership of any member may be terminated or suspended for reasons of non-payment of dues, proven scientific misconduct, non-compliance with the Association’s Constitution, or for other good cause shown. Termination of membership other than for non-payment of dues will be determined at an Annual Meeting of Council, by a two-thirds vote of the Council members present and voting. The person whose membership is threatened with termination shall be so notified by the Chief Executive Officer at least 120 days before the annual General Session, and shall be entitled to appear before Council in person, by representation, or by submission of a written statement to defend his/her right to membership.
ARTICLE VII. OFFICIALS

Section 1. OFFICERS. The Officers of the Association shall be a President, President-elect, Vice-president, Immediate Past President, Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer, and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Dental Research. The Chief Executive Officer will also serve as Secretary of the Association. The Vice-president shall be elected from among the active members by ballot of the membership. The incumbent President-elect and Vice-president shall be advanced automatically to the next higher office at the end of their then-current terms of office. The Chief Executive Officer, the Treasurer and the Editors-in-Chief shall be appointed by the Council.

(A) TERM OF OFFICE. The terms of the President, President-elect, and Vice-president shall be one Association year; for the Treasurer it shall be three Association years. The terms of the Chief Executive Officer and Editor-in-Chief shall be five years, except that under special circumstances either may be appointed for a shorter period.

(B) TENURE OF OFFICE. Each Officer shall serve until the installation of his duly-elected successor.

(C) VACANCIES. An ad interim vacancy in any office shall be filled according to the rules outlined in the Bylaws.

Section 2. HONORARY OFFICERS. Honorary Officers may be elected by the Council from nominations made by its own members or by Divisions, Sections, or Groups, for a period of time to be determined by Council.

Section 3. BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors of the Association shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President, President-elect, Vice-president, Treasurer, Editors-in-Chief of the Journal of Dental Research and JDR Clinical & Translational Research, Chief Executive Officer, and an additional Regional Board Member to be selected by each Region to serve a three-year term, and two investigators to be selected as described in the Bylaws. The Chief Executive Officer and Editors-in-Chief shall have no vote.

Section 4. QUALIFICATIONS. All Officers and officials of the Association, the Divisions, the Sections, and the Groups shall be Members of the Association. An elected officer of the IADR shall have had service as a Division, Section, or Group Officer, or as a Councilor, or as a Committee Chair or Committee Member.

ARTICLE VIII. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. NOMINATIONS BY THE COUNCIL. One or more nominations for Vice-president shall be made by the Council, and announcement of the nomination(s) shall be mailed to each member of the Association not fewer than four months before the date of the next
annual General Session, and in a form to indicate that other nominations may be made by petition.

Section 2. NOMINATIONS BY PETITION. Additional nominations may be made by petition signed by 25 members of the Association and received by the Chief Executive Officer not more than 45 days after the mailing of the announcement of the Council nominations.

Section 3. NOTICE OF NOMINATIONS. Before the next annual General Session, the nominations for Vice-president shall be sent by the Chief Executive Officer to all members of the Association on an official ballot for a vote by mail to be reported at that meeting. The nominations shall be sent no fewer than eight weeks before the due date for the return of the ballots to the Chief Executive Officer.

Section 4. ELECTION. A plurality of votes cast shall elect to each office, in accordance with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE IX. COUNCIL

Section 1. PERSONNEL. The Council of the Association shall consist of the President, the Immediate Past President, the President-elect, the Vice-president, the Chief Executive Officer, the Treasurer, the Editors-in-Chief, one or more Councilors from each Division, one Councilor from each Group, Network, Institutional Section and Corporate Section and a Councilor representing the FDI, World Dental Federation. The Chief Executive Officer, Editors-in-Chief, and FDI representative shall have no vote.

Section 2. DIVISION REPRESENTATION. For the purpose of representation on the Council, each Division shall designate or elect Councilors and be represented as follows:

(A) A Division of 99 or fewer Association members shall have one Councilor.
(B) A Division of 100 to 999 Association members shall have two Councilors.
(C) A Division of 1,000 to 1,999 Association members shall have three Councilors.
(D) A Division of 2,000 or more Association members shall have four Councilors.

Section 3. NON-DIVISIONAL SECTION REPRESENTATION. Each non-Divisional Section may be represented by a non-voting observer.

Section 4. FÉDÉRATION DENTAIRE INTERNATIONALE REPRESENTATION. For the purpose of representation on the Council, the Fédération Dentaire Internationale shall designate or elect one Councilor to serve for a period of at least one year. This Councilor must also be a member of the Association. The FDI Councilor will have no vote on Council.
Section 5. DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL. The Council shall be the governing body of the Association.

Section 6. INTERIM ACTION. During periods between meetings of the Council, the executive management of Council affairs shall be by the Board of Directors.

Section 7. REGIONAL REPRESENTATION. Each Region, as defined in Article IV, Section 1(A), shall be represented by a voting member in Council.

ARTICLE X. FINANCES

Section 1. DUES. At each annual General Session, the Council shall determine and announce the amount of the annual Association dues and the assessment for official publication(s). If no annual General Session is held, this function shall be exercised by the Board of Directors.

Section 2. EXPENDITURES. Funds of the Association may be expended only on general or specific authorization of the Council, except that if the Annual Meeting of the Council is not held, the Board of Directors also may authorize expenditure of funds. The Board of Directors also may authorize expenditure of funds to defray expenses of the Association not foreseen at the time of the annual General Session.

Section 3. ACCOUNTS. All accounts of assets of the Association shall be audited annually by a Certified Public Accountant.

Section 4. REPORTS. All Officers collecting, disbursing, or holding in trust assets of the Association shall report annually to the Council and the Association in written form.

ARTICLE XI. MEETINGS

Section 1. ASSOCIATION. The Association shall meet for the exchange of scientific information at least once each year unless prevented by circumstances not under the control of the members.

Section 2. COUNCIL. The Council shall meet annually in conjunction with the annual meeting, which shall be known as the General Session of the Association.

Section 3. SPECIAL.

(A) Special meetings of the Council or of the Association may be convened by the Board of Directors or the Council.

(B) Upon petition from at least 50 members of the Association at least two weeks prior to the annual General Session, the Chief Executive Officer shall arrange for the Association to meet in general assembly during the General Session.
Section 4. DIVISIONS AND GROUPS. Each Division and Group shall meet at least once each year unless prevented by circumstances not under the control of the members.

ARTICLE XII. QUORUM

The quorum for the Council shall be as stated by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII. JOURNAL

(A) NAME. The official publication of the Association is the Journal of Dental Research. The journal is a joint publication of the IADR and AADR.

(B) MANAGEMENT. An IADR/AADR Publications Committee (whose membership is described in the Bylaws) shall oversee the affairs of the Journal of Dental Research and other journals owned jointly by the IADR and/or AADR.

ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Section 1. PROPOSAL. A proposed amendment to the Constitution, formally endorsed by at least 50 members and accompanied by a statement of reasons for adoption, may be presented at any Annual Meeting of the Council, and thereupon becomes a special order of business for a vote of the membership by mail prior to the succeeding annual General Session. Proposed amendments to the Constitution shall normally be reviewed by the Constitution Committee before presentation to Council.

Section 2. VOTING PROCEDURE. The Chief Executive Officer shall mail to each member of the Association not less than two months before the next annual General Session of the Association: (a) a copy of the amendment, (b) the stated reasons for its adoption, (c) a ballot for a vote on the amendment, and (d) a copy of this Article XIV of this Constitution. The results shall be reported at the annual General Session.

Section 3. ADOPTION. A proposed amendment shall be adopted by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members voting on the question, and shall become a part of the Constitution at the close of the annual General Session at which it is adopted.

ARTICLE XV. BY-LAWS

Bylaws and amendments to Bylaws may be proposed at any Annual Meeting of the Council and may be adopted at the same meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present and voting, the Bylaws and amendments taking effect at the close of the meeting. Proposed Bylaws and amendments to Bylaws shall normally be reviewed by the Constitution Committee before presentation to Council.