

International Academy for Adhesive Dentistry (IAAD)



Fig. 1-3 Impressions from the Poster Presentation Session during the First Biennial Meeting of the IAAD in 2015 in Orlando, Florida.

Dear Colleagues,

A happy, healthy, and successful 2016 to you and your families – with many adhesive restorations and great research!

The members of the IAAD Executive Committee have voted and decided to hold the Second Biennial Meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA on June 16 and 17, 2017. We are currently working on selecting speakers for the Scientific Sessions. The Academy of Biomimetic Dentistry was offered to host a session on one of the two days and possibly a hands-on course on the day prior to the main program. Since the Poster Presentation Session was a great success with numerous excellent studies during the First Biennial IAAD Meeting, we are planning to offer that during the next meeting as well. Please let us know if you are interested in assisting with the meeting, poster session, organizational matters, sponsor recruitment, or in any other role.

Well-conducted systematic literature reviews have become invaluable tools to determine the state of the science on a relevant clinical question and topic. In fact, with the abundance of scientific data and publications readily available with a mouse-click and an exponentially growing number of sometimes dubious online journals with questionable review processes, identifying valid and reliable data has become increasingly challenging.

This has also had a significant impact on how we teach. In this digital age, our students are very well versed in retrieving all kinds of information from the Internet, but oftentimes without any “filters” that would assist them in discerning “good” from “bad” information. Teaching them how to systematically assess the scientific literature, understand fundamental research methodology, and apply qualitative (for example, determining risk of bias) and, where appropriate, quantitative (meta) analyses has become an important part of dental education. The evidence thus obtained, however, is meaningless unless it translates into clinical practice. As an example for how we make that link at our University, we have put together departmental and school-wide “Evidence-based Clinical Practice Committees”. These committees use the scientific evidence, where available, to decide on materials, equipment, protocols, and technologies used in clinics.

Similarly, the creation, assessment, and dissemination of sound, clinically relevant scientific information and promotion of clinical excellence are at the core of the IAAD. And, with that, comes a certain responsibility. We have therefore planned to hold a Consensus Conference on Adhesive Dentistry in conjunction with the 2017 IAAD meeting, most likely on the day before the main program (Thursday, June 15, 2017). It would include a number of experts who will be asked to prepare a high-quality systematic literature review before the meeting together with their respective research teams. These reviews will serve as bases for consensus statements on the respective topics, which will be formulated during the Consensus Conference and, afterwards, made available to the public.

While several such conferences have already taken place and numerous consensus statements are readily available, there are still many topics that need to be reviewed. And that need is only growing with the exponentially increasing influx of new materials and technologies, often with only limited scientific information. Our goal is to make the IAAD a “go-to” resource for researchers, clinicians, patients, students, and the industry from around the globe. However, for that to happen, we all need to work together. Please let us know if you are willing to participate in the Consensus Conference as an organizer, contributor, or expert. Also, please let us know any topics and/or clinical questions related to adhesive dentistry that you find important to systematically review.

This should be an interactive process and a wonderful opportunity for various groups from different countries to collaborate internationally on a meaningful task. Please contact any of the executive committee members and/or me at my new email address mblatz@upenn.edu with any suggestions or recommendations. Last but not least, please do not forget to renew your membership for 2016 through our website and bring new members into our exciting organization.

Sincerely,



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