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Ozge Erdogan Named Recipient of the 2025 AADOCR Anne D. Haffajee Fellowship

Alexandria, VA – The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research has named Ozge Erdogan as the recipient of the 2025 AADOCR Anne D. Haffajee Fellowship. Erdogan, from Harvard University, Boston, MA, was recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of the 54th Annual Meeting of the AADOCR, which was held in conjunction with the 49th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research, on March 12-15, 2025 in New York, NY.

Erdogan has been investigating acute and chronic dental pain, dental inflammation, and infection with clinical, translational, and basic science research since 2015. During her doctorate training, her study of dental pain and inflammation/infection during pulpitis in animal models initiated her work in neuro-immune interactions and their pain and pathological outcomes during pulpitis. In addition, she has initiated a collaborative translational project with ADA Forsyth to study human dental pulp and caries samples to elucidate the relationship between pain, pathology, and microbiome to identify new mechanisms of dental pain and inflammation.

The Anne D. Haffajee Fellowship was created in recognition of Dr. Haffajee's many contributions to clinical research in Periodontology and Oral Biology and her prominence as a female leader and role model in the field. The immediate goal of this fellowship is to support women researchers at the early stages of their scientific careers. The long-term objective of this fellowship is to increase the representation of women at the higher ranks in science and academia in the field of Oral Biology. The \$10,000 Fellowship is supported by generous donations from individuals and companies who created the endowment.

About AADOCR

The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) is a nonprofit organization with a mission to drive dental, oral, and craniofacial research to advance health and well-being. AADOCR represents the individual scientists, clinician-scientists, dental professionals, and students based in academic, government, non-profit, and private-sector institutions who share our mission. AADOCR is the largest division of the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research. Learn more at www.aadocr.org.