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### **Marcelo W. B. Araujo Becomes Newest Member of AADOOCR Legacy Society**

**Alexandria, VA** – The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOOCR) is pleased to announce that longtime member Marcelo W. B. Araujo has become the newest member of the AADOOCR Legacy Society with a planned gift to AADOOCR and a generous annual donation, both in support of the new [AADOOCR Travel Award for New Clinical Investigators](#).

The award was created to encourage new investigators to travel to and submit their research at the AADOOCR Annual Meeting. Individuals conducting clinical research in any of the dental, oral, and craniofacial (DOC) research areas are eligible to apply.

The award is supported by a generous annual donation from Marcelo W.B. Araujo, Dean of the University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine in New York. Araujo was an international student in 1997 at the University at Buffalo where he received his MS in Oral Sciences, followed by a Clinical Research and Teaching Fellowship in Periodontology, and a PhD in Epidemiology. He served as Chair of the AADOOCR Ethics on Dental Research Committee in 2023-24.



Marcelo W.B. Araujo (center) with IADR/AADOOCR CEO Christopher Fox (left) and AADOOCR President Effie Ioannidou (right).

*“This will be the beginning of long-term support to those, who like me, didn’t have a lot of financial support at the start of their research and academic careers. AADOCR has done a lot for me and I want to make sure I give back to future members.”* - Marcelo W. B. Araujo, Dean, University at Buffalo School of Dental Medicine

The goal of the award is to encourage new investigators to undertake DOC research and facilitate their presentation of this work to the U.S and international DOC research community. Araujo’s pledged annual support for this award provides three travel awards in the amount of \$2,000 each for travel expenses to present at the AADOCR Annual Meetings. The first award recipients will be announced at the IADR/AADOCR/CADR General Session & Exhibition in San Diego, CA, March 25-28, 2026.

### **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 IADR. Learn more at [www.aadocr.org](http://www.aadocr.org).