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## **IADR Announces 2026 Winners of the Joseph Lister Award for New Investigators**

**Alexandria, VA, USA** – The International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) has announced the winners of the 2026 IADR Joseph Lister Award for New Investigators. The recipients were recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of the 104<sup>th</sup> General Session of the IADR, which was held in conjunction with the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research and the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research on March 25-28, 2026 in San Diego, CA, USA.

The winners are:

### **1<sup>st</sup> - Zhi Ren**

University of Pennsylvania  
North American Region

*A New Class of Bacterial Motility from the Oral Microbiome*

### **2<sup>nd</sup> - Mairobys Socorro**

University of Pittsburgh  
North American Region

*Trps1 Regulates Tooth Formation and Mineralization via Wnt Signaling*

The IADR Joseph Lister Award for New Investigators is managed by IADR and supported by Kenvue. It was created to award young investigators with original research in oral disease prevention or oral health promotion.

### **About IADR**

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