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Professor Poul Erik Petersen ***Received IADR*** ***Distinguished Scientist Award*** ***in Global Oral Health Research***

Alexandria, Va., USA – The International Association for Dental Research (IADR) announced Poul Erik Petersen, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, as the 2018 recipient of the IADR Distinguished Scientist Award in Global Oral Health Research. Petersen was recognized at the Opening Ceremonies of the 96th General Session of the IADR, held in conjunction with the IADR Pan European Regional (PER) Congress. The IADR/PER General Session & Exhibition is in London, England at the ExCeL London Convention Center from July 25-28, 2018.

Petersen is a Professor at the University of Copenhagen, Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences in the School of Dentistry in the Department for Global Oral Health and Community Dentistry. He is also a World Health Organization (WHO) Senior Consultant for Oral Health in the WHO Regional Office for Europe and the Department for Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases. He received his B.A., M.Sc. and Ph.D. from the University of Copenhagen.

Petersen has been involved in research on health inequalities in countries such as Africa, Asia, the Americas, Eastern Mediterranean and Europe. His research covers socio-environmental and socio-behavioral studies of children, adolescents, adults and aging populations within and across countries, focusing on several outcomes such as dental caries, periodontal disease, tooth loss, HIV/AIDS-related oral diseases and oral cancer. Petersen is actively engaged in world-wide implementation research for reducing oral health inequalities through schools, oral health promotion in the work place and by transforming oral health systems towards integrating disease prevention and health promotion. He has contributed over 275 scientific papers and has been involved with a series of key WHO publications.

The Global Oral Health Research Award is supported by GlaxoSmithKline. One of the 17 IADR Distinguished Scientist Awards, it is one of the highest honors bestowed by IADR. The IADR Global Oral Health Research Award honors IADR and AADR Past President John Greenspan, who is the founding President of the IADR Global Oral Health Inequalities Research Network and the Consortium of Universities for Global Health's Global Oral Health Interest Group. The award consists of a monetary award and a plaque, and recognizes research that addresses inequalities in global oral health.