

## 2012 Frechette Award

The winners of the 2012 Frechette Award were recently presented at the International Association for Dental Research (IADR) annual meeting in Iguaçu Falls, Brazil. The Frechette is the annual research competition for new investigators sponsored by the Prosthodontics Group of the IADR and honoring the memory of Arthur R. Frechette, who served as secretary-treasurer of the IADR from 1968 to 1977. The winners were Dr Shinya Uruguchi, Osaka University, Osaka, Japan, for the study “Enhanced Osteogenesis of iPS Cells by Id2 Gene Knockout” and Dr D. Mota Moreira, University of Texas-San Antonio/Health Science Center, San Antonio, Texas, for the study “Antibacterial Activity of a Novel Silver Nanoparticle-Loaded Orthodontic Band Cement.” In addition to plaques, Drs Uruguchi and Moreira each received a check for \$1,000 thanks to the generous support of the Whip Mix Corporation.

New investigators in prosthodontics are encouraged to apply for one of two 2013 Arthur R. Frechette Research Awards in Prosthodontics. Each award recognizes original research by new investigators and is sponsored by the Prosthodontics Group of the IADR and supported by the Whip Mix Corporation. One award is for prosthodontic research undertaken with a materials science- or bioengineering-oriented

protocol, and the other is for prosthodontic research undertaken with a biologic sciences- and tissue engineering-oriented protocol. Researchers carrying out original research are eligible for the Frechette Award if they have been the primary author of no more than three articles published in refereed dental journals. Each award carries a cash prize of \$1,000.

Research submitted for the IADR meeting in Seattle, Washington, is eligible for consideration for the Frechette Award, provided it has not been published elsewhere or will not be under consideration for another award. Abstracts must be submitted to the Prosthodontics Group of the IADR by the IADR deadline (October 5, 2012) with the appropriate boxes checked on the online submission (<http://iadr.com/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3432#.UCPuELRDxbw>).

The abstracts will be judged for (1) originality and scientific design of the investigation, (2) suitability of the methods of analysis, and (3) scientific value of the work. Selected finalists will be judged at the 2013 IADR meeting in Seattle, Washington (March 20–23, 2013), and the winner will be announced at the Prosthodontics Group business meeting.

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(left to right) Dr Keiichi Sasaki, Japan, president, IADR Prosthodontics Group; Dr Uruguchi, Frechette Award winner; Dr Moreira, Frechette Award winner; Dr Nadezda Bessudnova, Department of Nano- and Biomedical Technologies, Saratov State University, Saratov, Russia, Frechette Award finalist; Dr Amilcar Freitas Jr, Department of Biomaterials and Biomimetics, New York University, New York, New York, Frechette Award finalist; Dr Tatsuhide Hayashi, Department of Dental Materials Science, Aichi Gakuin University, Nagoya, Japan, Frechette Award finalist; and Dr Stephen F. Rosenstiel, Frechette coordinator, IADR Prosthodontics Group. Not pictured: Dr Yuya Kamano, Department of Fixed Prosthodontics, Osaka University, Suita-city, Osaka, Japan, Frechette Award finalist.

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