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EDITORIAL

Brazil and the International Association for Dental Research

Agroup of 30 or more individuals from any country can create a section, which if successful in managing its scientific research can become a division of the International Association of Dental Research (IADR). Once approved by the Board of Directors, this section will become an international member and will have the right to vote and to speak at annual meetings.

For over a decade, Brazil has been a division of the most important association for research in dentistry. This reflects the international importance of our research. We have ranked third in research papers presented in meetings held in San Diego – 2002, Gothenburg – 2003 and Honolulu – 2004. In local meetings, the number of participants has sharply increased. We had 4,000 members in 2003 and about 2,000 selected projects. Today, our activities are more visible and our work surprises the international community.

The IADR Board of Directors, aiming at a closer relationship with researchers from various countries, has created a Regional Board Member position. The creation of this position shows the association's concern with a global perspective, connecting Federations and Divisions worldwide.

With the amendment of the IADR constitution, five Regional Board Members were selected to represent Africa, Europe, North America, South America and Asia. Their missions are: to maintain a close relationship with the Presidents and Advisors of the IADR Divisions and Sections; to understand and present the concerns and aspirations of each region; to guide the strategic development of the different groups; to plan a shared commitment to development, striving for predetermined goals; to establish communication between the different regions and the IADR Central Office.

Our Division has received good news this year: the nomination of a Brazilian to represent South America as an IADR Regional Board Member, an invitation to host the 90th General Session & Exhibition of the IADR in 2012 and the approval of the Latin American Federation – created from geographically-related divisions and sections.

This reflects the great contribution of members of the Brazilian division and of the Brazilian Society for Dental Research (SBPqO) to the international community. Many aspects, including the enthusiasm of our young professionals, the experience and dedication of our advisors, and the quality of our work, make us proud of our history.

The Brazilian Society for Dental Research has strived for ever higher levels of scientific and cultural development since 1983, and our efforts are evident today in both national and international research.

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