

IADR (International Association for Dental Research) Prosthodontics Research Group has established a new award called Pre-Prosthetic Regenerative Science Award for Young Investigators. The award recognizes original research by new investigators in the multidisciplinary field of pre-prosthetic or prosthodontics-related regenerative science, including tissue engineering, bone, tooth and soft-tissue regenerative sciences, graft materials research, maxillofacial reconstructive biology and physiology and implant biological research. The awards are co-sponsored by the IADR Prosthodontics Research Group and Japan Prosthodontic Society. The abstracts must be submitted to the Prosthodontics Research Group Poster Session, and the selected finalists will be asked to submit a 5-page extended abstract to complete. Awards will be presented during the annual business meeting of the group during the IADR General Session. See the detail at <http://www.dentalresearch.org/awards/preprost.html>. First-time memorable First Place Winner awarded at the 2007 New Orleans IADR was Dr. Naoki Tsukimura for his study entitled “Co-Culture Effect of Peripheral Blood Mononuclear Cells on Osteoblasts”. The Second Place Winners were Drs. Tatsuhide Hayashi and Kensuke Sekiya for their works on “Possibility of Bone Regeneration by induced bone-like tissue in vitro” and “Novel Transcription Factors for Mesenchymal Stem Cells Osteogenesis”, respectively.

The individuals pictured are (left-to-right) Dr. Keiichi Sasaki, President-Elect Japan Prosthodontic Society, Dr. Kensuke Sekiya, Second Place Winner, Dr. Naoki Tsukimura, First Place Winner, Dr. Tatsuhide Hayashi, Second Place Winner, Dr. Hugh Devlin, President IADR Prosthodontics Research Group, and Dr. Takahiro Ogawa, Pre-Prosthetic Regenerative Science Award Chair and Secretary/Treasurer IADR Prosthodontics Research Group.

