DENTSPLY Awards the 2015 Student Clinicians of the American Dental Association

DENTSPLY International assembled the 56th Annual American Dental Association (ADA)/DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research Award Program and Reception on November 7, 2015. The awards program took place in Washington, D.C. at The Newseum, during the 2015 ADA Annual Session. Seventy student clinicians participated in this year's program, representing research conducted across 39 countries.

The 2015 U.S. American Dental Association/ DENTSPLY Student Clinicians.

The Student Clinician Research Program (SCADA) began during the centennial session of the ADA in New York City in 1959, as a joint venture between DENTSPLY and the American Dental Association. Dr. Harold Hillenbrand, then Executive Director of the ADA and Mr. Henry M. Thornton, then President of DENTSPLY International, initiated the first program in New York City to promote student research and participation in organized dentistry.

Today more than 7,000 students participate in this program, including students from 39 countries. Originally, the program consisted of a table clinic presentation where students demonstrated a new technique. It has grown immensely, with students currently presenting their research results of their clinical, basic science or public health research.

Three awards are presented in each category for first, second and third place. The scientific presentations are divided into two categories: Basic Science Research and Clinical Science/Public Health Research. First place recipients in both categories receive $750 each and a travel prize to present their research at the Hinman Dental Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia. Second place winners receive $750 and third place winners receive $500.

Dr. Terri Dolan, VP and Chief Clinical Officer for DENTSPLY International, praised the participating 56 pre-doctoral dental student clinicians from the U.S. Dental Schools and the winning students from throughout the world. "It was a great honor to meet these outstanding student clinicians from around the globe. They are clearly among the most accomplished and promising students currently enrolled in dental schools from around the world, and it was a pleasure to learn more about their research projects, as well as their personal and professional ambitions. Their enthusiasm for dentistry and oral health was infectious. The dental profession is in great hands, and I have no doubt that these women and men will become our next generation of leaders in dentistry."

The 2015 ADA/DENTSPLY Student Clinician Research Program winners are:

Category I: Clinical Science / Public Health Research

First place: **Stuart J. Ryan**
Indiana University School of Dentistry

Second place: **Kayla Hudimac**
West Virginia University School of Dentistry

Third place: **Alexander Marti**
University of Louisville School of Dentistry

Category II: Basic Science Research

First place: **Andrew Gross**
Roseman University of Health Sciences College of Dental Medicine

Second place: **Minerva Loi**
University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry

Third place: **Paul Kim**
Virginia Commonwealth University
Taylor Capasso
University of Florida College of Dentistry

Students who present their research at their national research program become members of SCADA (Student Clinicians of the American Dental Association), an alumni association designed for former student clinicians. Members of SCADA serve as judges for future Student Clinician Research Programs held in conjunction with the ADA Annual Session. In addition to the student awards, SCADA grants fellowship funding to qualified members to help support their graduate education. SCADA also presents a faculty advisor award annually to honor the efforts of faculty in their mentoring of student research and an achievement award for outstanding dedication to the profession. To learn more about SCADA and other awards granted, visit www.scadaresearch.org.