

# AO Immediate Past President receives national award from ADA

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Dr. Hom-Lay Wang, immediate past president of the Academy of Osseointegration (AO), has received the Evidence-Based Dentistry Faculty Award from the American Dental Association (ADA) in its annual conference SmileCon, held in New Orleans in October 2024.

The ADA award is presented in association with the organization's Center for Evidence-Based Dentistry, which collaborates with the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs to develop resources that help dentists integrate clinically relevant scientific evidence at the point of care. The center assists practitioners and improves oral health of the public by appraising and disseminating the best available scientific evidence on oral health care and by helping practitioners understand the apply the best available evidence in their clinical decision making.

Recipients of the award must have 15 years or more as a full-time or part-time faculty member at an accredited U.S. university. They must have had a leadership role in bringing new evidence-based research or educational programs to their programs to their school or developing similar resources for the profession. Recipients are selected by a committee composed of members of the ADA Council on Scientific Affairs Clinical

Excellence Subcommittee, representatives from American Association of Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research (AADOOCR), and a non-voting participant from Colgate.

Currently, Dr. Wang is Collegiate Professor of Periodontics and Professor of Dentistry in the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine and the University of Michigan. He was presented with the ADA's Evidence-Based Dentistry Faculty Award for his research in advancing the understanding of periodontology and dental implants.

Wang joined the dental school periodontics department at the University of Michigan as an assistant professor in 1989 and was promoted to associate professor in 1997 and to professor in 2002. His periodontal and dental implant-related clinical research includes a focus on barrier membranes, bone-grafting and growth factors. Wang has co-edited three textbooks, contributed to more than 60 book chapters or invited reviews, and authored more than 870 scientific articles, achieving an impressive H-index (impact metric) of 139. Wang has served as director of the dental school's graduate periodontal program for almost 30 years.

Dr. Wang, a Diplomate of AO, has been an esteemed member since 2006 and has continued to serve tirelessly through a variety of committees and task forces during his tenure. In 2011, he joined AO's board of directors and was instrumental in expanding AO's international reach, as well as significantly influencing many other AO membership and educational initiatives.

Wang is a Diplomate of the American Board of Periodontology and served as a director on its board from 2004-2010. He is the recipient of numerous awards, including the American Academy of Periodontology (AAP) Outstanding Educator Award (2017), AAP Distinguished Scientist Award (2017), University of Michigan Distinguished Faculty Research Mentoring Award (2019), AAP Clinical Research Award (2021), ADEA William J. Gies Annual Periodontology Award (2022), and AADOOCR Irwin D. Mandel Distinguished Mentoring Award (2024).