

IADR Innovation in Implantology Research prize awarded to Dr Alberto Monje

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Dr Alberto Monje, who is an associate professor in the periodontics department at the International University of Catalonia in Barcelona in Spain, has been honoured with the prestigious Innovation in Implantology Research prize, sponsored by MIS Implants Technologies and awarded by the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR). This recognition celebrates Dr Monje's remarkable achievements and scientific contributions as an independent researcher. Despite being in his mid-thirties, he has already participated in over 100 research publications.

The accolade acknowledges the exceptional work of researchers in the middle phase of their careers, that is, those with up to ten years of independent research experience. While IADR awards traditionally recognise students and distinguished researchers, there are limited opportunities for mid-career investigators to receive recognition. This award honours rising talents whose groundbreaking research holds great promise for advancing the field of implantology.

Dr Monje was selected as the winner by a scientific committee, and the award was presented by Prof. George Kotsakis, the president-elect of the IADR Implantology Research Group. The award was made during the 101st general session and exhibition of IADR held in Bogotá in Colombia in June.

Explaining the reasons behind MIS's support for this award, Dr Serge Szmukler-Moncler, the director of research at MIS, stated: "MIS specifically chose to endorse this innovation award to recognise a mid-career independent investigator who is a rising star in innovative research. This selection aligns perfectly with the mission and policies of MIS."

During the award presentation, Dr Samy Akerman, the representative of MIS in Colombia, emphasised the significant presence of MIS—which is known for its extensive prosthetic digital library—in the dental implant discipline. He highlighted that even highly experienced

implantologists are switching to the MIS implant system owing to its comprehensiveness and flexibility.

"MIS stands for 'Make It Simple,'" explained Dr Akerman. "The core value of MIS is simplifying the entire dental implant treatment process, from planning to surgery and prosthetic rehabilitation. The goal is to make implant treatment more affordable for a wide range of practitioners and patients. In research, there are occasions where in-depth investigations are necessary to develop simpler and user-friendly implants and protocols," he continued.

During the ceremony, Dr Monje graciously shared some insights about himself and his research accomplishments. He stated: "I was trained at the University of Michigan and the University of Bern under the mentorship of Profs. Hom-Lay Wang, William Giannobile and Daniel Buser. Currently, I am committed to serving as a role model for my students and colleagues. I run a private practice limited to periodontics and implant dentistry, with a particular emphasis on prevention and management of peri-implantitis."

When asked about his contribution to research, Dr Monje stressed that his work was aimed at establishing surgical strategies to prevent biological and aesthetic complications. Additionally, he has explored the potential and limitations of reconstructive and resective therapy and how the use of soft-tissue grafts can enhance the prevention and resolution of peri-implantitis.

More about this topic can be found in his first book, titled *Unfolding Peri-Implantitis: Diagnosis | Prevention | Management*. The book was edited by Prof. Wang and published by Quintessence Publishing last year.

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Dr Alberto Monje was recently awarded the Innovation in Implantology Research prize for his contributions to research in implant dentistry. (Image: MIS Implants Technologies)