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Preface

The Resilient Researcher - Innovating Research in the New Normal was unanimously chosen as the theme for the 20th Annual Scientific Meeting and 22nd Annual General Meeting for IADR Malaysian Section (MalSec). More so, as we foresaw that **resilience** is a fundamental attitude for researchers especially during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic (2020, 2021), and worldwide dental research initiatives are faced with crosswords as research progress is regularly stunted amidst new norms. Fortunately, resilient researchers from Malaysia, and regional countries in the 20th Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) have evidently shown that our members and oral science researchers advocated innovative progress of oral and craniofacial research in Malaysia.

The IADR MalSec ASM is an annual event which provides a platform among our members, and researchers from dental institutions in Malaysia to promote dissemination of scientific knowledge, to educate researchers and clinicians to critically assess scientific and technological innovations, to openly discuss issues and challenges in oral and craniofacial research, and to initiate collaborative research opportunities among our members.

We hope that all participants of the 20th Annual Scientific Meeting & 22nd Annual General Meeting have had a pleasant journey with us this year. Special acknowledgments to our President, Associate Professor Dr Siti Mariam Ab Ghani, and Dr Jasmina Qamaruz Zaman, Scientific Research Competition Chair, IADR MalSec ASM for their leadership and guidance throughout planning, and execution of the virtual event.

Our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the reviewers who helped us maintain the high quality of manuscripts included in the conference proceedings published by IADR MalSec. We would also like to extend our thanks to the members of the organizing team for their hard work. We are now optimistic and full of hope about getting the full paper proceedings as our yearly publication to maximize the dissemination of research findings to a wider audience.

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