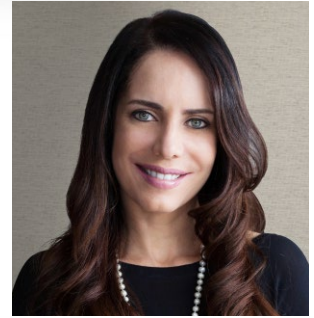


# Growth and research excellence



**Vice-President**  
*Dr. Magda Feres*

We have reached the 2nd edition of our newsletter. The last eight months were marked by LAOHA's growth and strengthening from performing several actions. PhD students are progressing brilliantly, and many have already presented their work at international congresses, such as the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). A highlight related to the students was the creation of the Get Together program. This program has already captivated the students, since it has increased interaction among them.

The participation in scientific events that seek to discuss new directions for improving the oral health of the Latin America's population has also been one of our focuses in recent months. We held our 3rd International

Symposium at the Sao Paulo University. The main speaker was Prof Dagmar Slot from ACTA University, Netherlands. We also co-hosted a Seminar at the Universidad de los Andes on Erosive Dental Wear delivered by Prof David Bartlett from King's College. Members of LAOHA attended the 3rd. Caribbean Oral Health Initiative Summit in Puerto Rico. The SUMMIIT discussions were focused on oral health equity in the Caribbean.

Expanding our horizons, we have started a partnership with Colgate-Palmolive Global Technology Center (GTC) in Brazil. This interaction has allowed a different look at important topics related to oral health, through the integration of ideas coming from researchers, students and Colgate Palmolive technical researchers.

## What else is going to happen?

Wait ... our efforts are always  
focused on the triad: **health, science**  
and **expansion!**

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# Erosive tooth wear **SEMINAR & CALIBRATION**

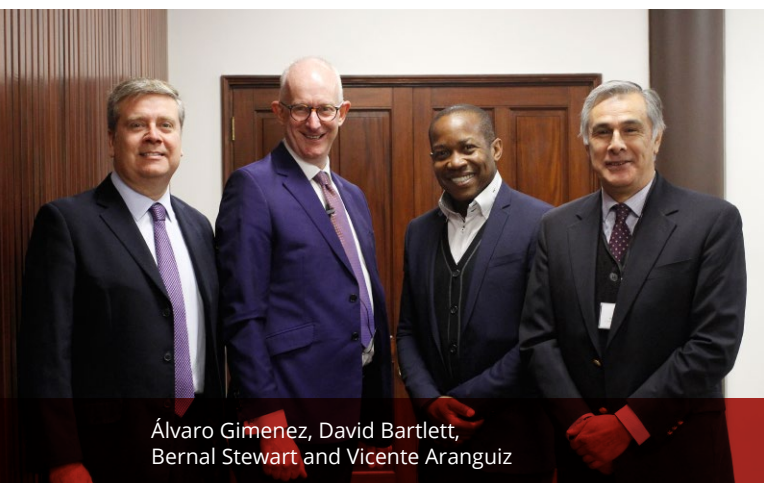
## Seminar

The Faculty of Dentistry of the Universidad de los Andes in collaboration with the Latin American Oral Health Association (LAOHA) carried out the seminar, "Erosive Dental Wear", presented by Dr. David Bartlett, director of the Prosthodontics Department at King's College London, Dental Institute.

Álvaro Gimenez, Academic Vice Dean, welcomed those present and in his speech



Dr. David Bartlett



Álvaro Gimenez, David Bartlett,  
Bernal Stewart and Vicente Aranguiz



Seminars attendees

expressed that this new opportunity to expose the dental community to the growing prevalence of erosive tooth wear “allows renewing knowledge in the area, which patients will be thankful for in the future”.

Dr. David Bartlett addressed the diagnosis and management of this pathology, its etiology and prevalence, and also gave some ideas to achieve better control in Latin America.

## Calibration Training

While in Chile, Dr. David Bartlett conducted a training exercise. The objective was to provide participants with a theoretical-practical calibration in the visual detection of lesions associated with Erosive Tooth Wear using the BEWE (Basic Erosive Wear Examination) index, based on the understanding of its etiology, factors

associated, clinical appearance, severity as well as management.

The calibration exercise was attended by local and international researchers from Chile, Colombia and Peru. It was coordinated by Dr. Sebastian Lara from Manchester University, Dra Valeria Ramirez and Dra Loreto Marro from Universidad de los Andes.



Calibration Team



# Get Together

As communicated in the previous Newsletter, LAOHA in partnership with COHI - Caribbean Oral Health Initiative seeks to offer opportunities for students from different countries to learn through both the doctoral program and knowledge exchange, as a way of ensuring the expansion of oral health quality throughout the world.

“Get Together”, is an initiative designed to help LAOHA PhD students adapt to their day-to-day research life, develop career goals, and maintain a long term exchange of ideas. This program is led by Dr. Zilson Malheiros, Executive Director of LAOHA, who personally works with the students to help them manage their personal and research challenges and develop their long term career plans.

In February 2018, the “Get Together” meeting was attended by a special guest, Dr. Juliana Gomez, who holds a PhD from the Dental Health Unit in Manchester, UK. At the session, Dr. Gomez spoke about her research experiences, what challenges she faced as a result of living in another country; and how she planned and developed her professional career during and after the program. At the end, the students asked for tips and appreciated the opportunity to learn and share experiences.

In addition to face-to-face meetings at Get Together, Congresses and Symposia, technology also allows the students to keep connected and maintain a relationship in real time by using Teleconference, the Whats Up App, Instagram, Facebook, etc.” According to Dr. Bernal Stewart, one of the project mentors, this proximity is essential: “Through this contact, we build long-term relationships with future leaders in research; and we hope to contribute to the improvement of the oral health of the population.”



Our ambassadors



Get Together with Dr. Bernal Stewart



Get Together with Dr. Juliana Gomez



CIOSP 2018

# Caribbean Oral Health Initiative



The CARIBBEAN ORAL HEALTH INITIATIVE (COHI) held its 3rd SUMMIT on June 14th and 15th 2018, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The summit was hosted by the School of Dental Medicine from the University of Puerto Rico. The SUMMIT's main theme: Oral Health Equity in the Caribbean: **Moving from Research to Policy-making and Practice.**

This Summit provided an excellent opportunity for networking with representatives from Carib-

bean and South American countries. Interactive sessions facilitated the exchange of experiences and strategies on how to establish essential public policy for advancing oral health and eliminating health disparities in underserved populations. During the Summit, participants shared new developments in research, curriculum consensus on caries and community and school-based programs as well as on oral health prevention, promotion and evidence - based strategies.



COHI 3rd SUMMIT, University of Puerto Rico



# GTC Collaboration

In 2017, LAOHA partnered with Colgate-Palmolive’s Global Technology Center (GTC) in Brazil to provide a knowledge exchange between LAOHA faculty members and the Technology Center employees. The project was led by Bernal Stewart, Zilson Malheiros and Abraham Cazes, current director of the GTC.

This year the program has focused on exposing GTC employees to novel research featured at scientific dental events, knowledge sharing through lectures, symposia, advisory services and facilitating the visit of PhD students from LAOHA’s partner universities to the Colgate-Palmolive Technology Center and factory.

As part of the initiative, in January members of the GTC including members of Regulatory Affairs had the opportunity to visit the 36th International Dentistry Congress of São Paulo (CIOSP). This visit was possible thanks to the support of the Colgate Professional Relations team, coordinated by its director, Dr. Patricia Bella-Costa.

CIOSP is considered the main dental congress in Latin America, gathering more than 55 thousand professionals annually. In addition to participating in the scientific activities, the GTC participants also had a guided visit to Colgate’s booth and toured Colgate’s Circuit, where they viewed some product demonstrations, one of which was created by them. “CIOSP, especially in our area, is an opportunity to see the impact that our daily work has on the company’s image. We thank LAOHA and the Professional Relations team for

the teamwork that has generated a positive result in all aspects,” Abraham Cazes says.

Besides the team’s attendance at CIOSP, they also had the opportunity to visit the SBPqO (Brazilian Society of Dental Research) annual meeting, which represents the Brazilian Division of the International Association for Dental Research (IADR). Currently, it is the largest division in Latin America and one of the most representative of the IADR in the world. The SBPqO meeting is considered the most important event related to research in dentistry in the country, with about 4000 participants annually.



GTC team at the Brazilian IADR Division Meeting



GTC team at CIOSP

# The 3rd International Symposium of LAOHA

The 3rd International Symposium of LAOHA meeting was held at the Faculty of Dentistry of the University of São Paulo (USP) in December 2017. The Symposium was organized in collaboration with the USP Periodontics Department.

The Symposium was attended by approximately 150 participants, including undergraduates, graduates and guest professors. The theme was “Scientific Evidence About the Mechanical and Chemical Control of Supragingival Plaque.”

The President of LAOHA, Professor Giuseppe Romito, opened the Symposium and introduced Professor Claudio Pannuti from USP who presented the first lecture: “Biofilm control:

translating research into practice.” Next, Professor Dagmar Else Slot from the Academic Center for Dentistry Amsterdam - ACTA University presented the latest evidence on the efficacy of mechanical and chemical control of the supragingival biofilm. She is well known for the many systematic reviews she has written, especially on the effectiveness of oral hygiene products.

According to Dr. Carlos Benitez, LAOHA Ph.D. student, the lecture was very enriching, “... it was a unique opportunity to participate in this LAOHA’s Seminar. Dr. Slot’s lecture represented a great learning in every sense according to us who have a keen interest in the issues that have been addressed.”

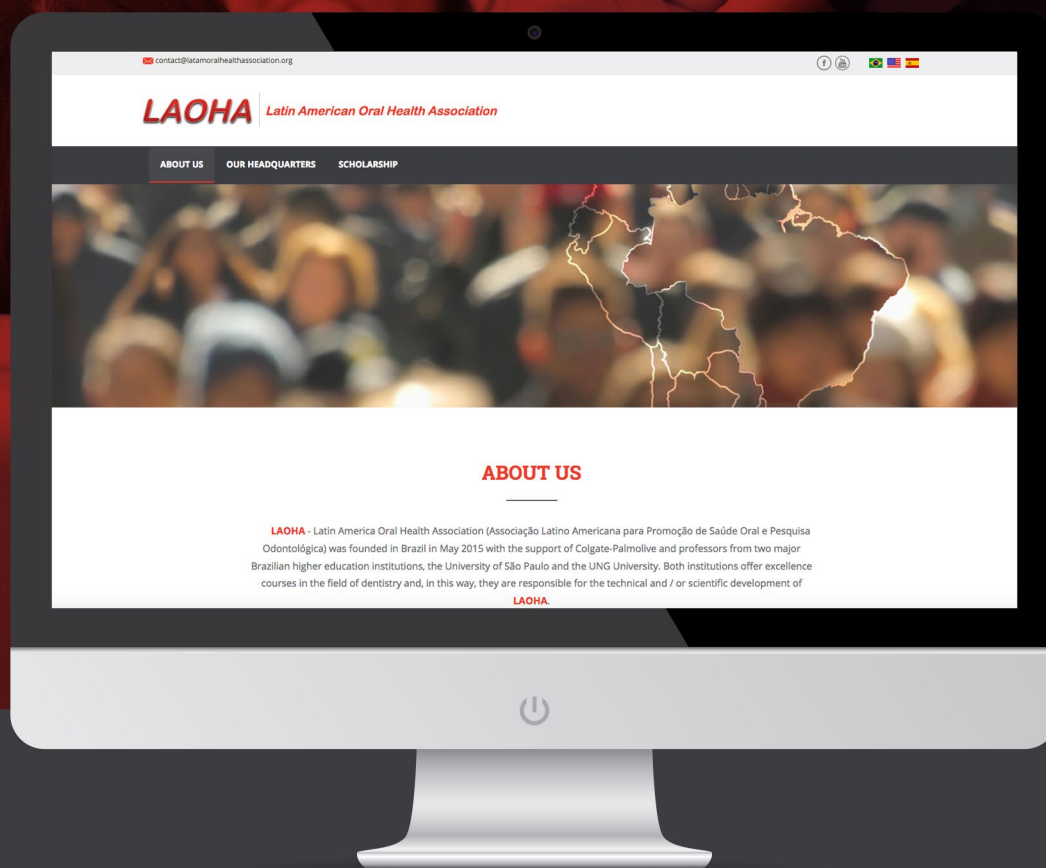


**“The Professor Slot’s lecture was exceptional. The activity was characterized by scientific evidence and great dynamism of the speaker when transmitting knowledge and the use of online interactive tools such as Kahoot (kahoot.it). I am very grateful for this opportunity”**

**Dr. Belén Retamal-Valdes**  
*LAOHA Ph.D. student*

# LAOHA WEBSITE

**Our website is online!** It is possible to visualize our mission, vision, objectives and all information about scholarships, Universities and the Board.



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