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## **ACP Recognizes Three Prosthodontists for Original Research in 2014 John J. Sharry Research Competition**

*Dr. Aram Kim; Dr. Aurora Dibner; Dr. Sanjay Karunakaran Win Top Honors*

CHICAGO — The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) announced Aram Kim, DMD, MS, of the University of Illinois at Chicago as the first-place winner of the John J. Sharry Research Competition. Aurora Dibner, DMD, BS, of the University of Connecticut Health Center won second place, and Sanjay Karunakaran, BDS, DDS, MSD, of the University of Tennessee was named third-place winner. Results were announced during the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the ACP held in New Orleans, Nov. 5-8. This year, more than 1,200 dental professionals attended the event.



The John J. Sharry Research Competition is held to stimulate and acknowledge original research in Prosthodontics by residents. Originally named the Prosthodontist Research Award, it was renamed in honor of ACP Past President Dr. John J. Sharry, a founding member of the ACP. Three winners have been recognized annually since 1976.

Dr. Radi Masri presents the first place award to Dr. Aram Kim.

The ACP is proud to announce the following recipients:

### **First Place: Aram Kim, DMD, MS**

Abutment Material Effect on Peri-implant Soft Tissue Color and Perceived Esthetics  
University of Illinois at Chicago

### **Second Place: Aurora Dibner, DMD, BS**

Fatigue Strength of Bi-layered Ceramics Under Cyclic Loading as a Function of Core Veneer Thickness  
University of Connecticut Health Center

### **Third Place: Sanjay Karunakaran, BDS, DDS, MS**

A Novel Implant Surface Treatment to Enhance Rapid Osseointegration: Nanometer-scale Features on Micrometer-scale Surface Texturing  
University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Radi M. Masri, DDS, MS, PhD, FACP, served as chair of the competition, which received a record number of entries in 2014.

Prosthodontists are specialized dentists with advanced training in oral health issues, who are committed to improving patient outcomes. From implants, crowns, veneers and tooth whitening, to full-mouth reconstruction, Prosthodontists specialize in [digital dentistry](#) and CAD/CAM solutions.

The ACP is the only Prosthodontic specialty organization whose membership is based solely on education credentials. ACP members must be in or have completed an ADA-accredited advanced education program in Prosthodontics.

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### **About the ACP**

The American College of Prosthodontists (ACP) is the official sponsoring organization for the specialty of Prosthodontics, which is one of nine recognized specialties of the American Dental Association. Founded in 1970, ACP is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to enhancing patient care, advancing the art and science of Prosthodontics, promoting the specialty of Prosthodontics to the public and other dentists and healthcare professionals, ensuring the quality of Prosthodontic education and providing professional services to its membership. Visit [GoToAPro.org](http://GoToAPro.org) to learn more.