In the mid-1980s, Professor Sir David Mason (UK) and Dr. Dean Millard (US) conceived the idea of convening experts in oral medicine from around the world to explore the current status and future directions of the field. The first 3 World Workshops on Oral Medicine took place at the American Dental Association headquarters in Chicago in 1988, 1993, and 1998; and in 2006, 2010, 2014 and 2018 the WWOM took place in Puerto Rico and London, Orlando and Gothenburg respectively. At each conference, approximately 50-100 global experts in oral medicine and other fields participated, and worked in sections to rigorously review the current literature and to examine educational standards. The proceedings have been published and widely distributed (see Oral Diseases 2015;21:409–416).

The Steering Committee of the World Workshop VIII is committed to encouraging early career level Oral Medicine clinicians and/or scientists to participate as reviewers in the next Workshop. The meeting is scheduled for May 2nd-3rd 2022, Memphis, USA in conjunction with the meeting of the American Academy of Oral Medicine (AAOM) on May 3rd-7th 2022. We anticipate an international representation in this group, with representatives from all continents. This international meeting will allow the Oral Medicine trainee or junior faculty member to interact with colleagues from around the world, experience the evidence-based review process, and promote the specialty by identifying the next generation of leaders. The positions are not age limited but will be preferentially awarded to individuals training in Oral Medicine, or to junior faculty early in their careers. Past assistant reviewers are ineligible but are eligible to apply for a reviewer position.

The groups in the Workshop will have 2-3 assistant reviewers assigned to them. The assistant reviewers will assist the senior reviewers on the project assigned and in writing the final paper(s). The chosen individuals will be expected to deliver in a timely manner a significant amount of work and should commit to this. The prepared review will form the discussion focus for the panel of experts at WWOM VIII. At all times, the assistant reviewer will be guided by the group’s section head. The applicant is asked to rank their first 2 choices of Workshop Groups in which to participate.

**Funding Support**

The chosen individuals will receive funding support for economy rate air travel and 3-night accommodation to attend the Workshop in Memphis, USA. The candidate will need to secure their own funding to attend the AAOM meeting to be held in Memphis the same week. Attendance is encouraged since the Workshop reviews will form a significant component of the meeting.
Application Process

The application process is to be completed in English.

1. Please follow the link provided below for the Assistant Reviewer application form: https://nus.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6M6aUIQJL3zF08Z

2. Please upload the PDF of your current Curriculum vitae to include the following:
   (i) publications and presentations at meetings
   (ii) teaching qualifications and experience
   (iii) management and leadership skills
   (iv) headshot photograph (optional)

3. Please ensure that your senior colleague/s is/are informed and committed to providing the support letter prior to providing their name and contact details. Upon receipt of the application, they will be sent an email request for a letter to support your application for the position of Assistant Reviewer in the WWOM.

4. Please ensure all fields are completed.

The closing date for applications is September 15th, 2020. The awards will be announced before December 1st, 2020 and candidates notified by e-mail of the outcome of their application. Please email Dr. Catherine Hong at denchhl@nus.edu.sg if you have queries or experience any difficulties with the application process.

Workshop Groups

**Group 1** – The impact of changes in guidance on antibiotic prophylaxis on the Incidence of Infective Endocarditis. A systematic review
**Group Heads:** Dr. Valeria Edefonti and Dr. Pedro Diz Dios

**Group 2** – Systematic Review of Core Outcome Measures for Oral Lichen Planus
**Group Heads:** Dr Jennifer Taylor and Dr. Jairo Robledo Sierra

**Group 3** – Systematic Review of Core Outcome Measures for Dry mouth
**Group Heads:** Dr. Konstantina Delli and Dr. Alessandro Villa

**Group 4** – Future of Oral Medicine: Barriers to Research in Oral Medicine
**Group Heads:** Dr. Caroline Shiboski and Dr. Luiz Alcino Gueiros