## **COUNCIL ON SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS (COSA) REPORT**

The Council on Scientific Affairs (COSA) met via videoconference on January 8, 2021.

COSA reviewed 30 applications for the Hellman, Sicher, and Graber Awards. The following are the 2021 AAO Research Awards winners:

**Milo Hellman Research Award** to Dr. Aline Petrin from the University of Iowa for research titled: Epigenome-wide analysis of DNA methylation in monozygotic twins discordant for orofacial clefts

**Harry Sicher Research Award** to Dr. Timothee Cousin from the University of Washington for research titled: Validity and reliability of HLD treatment need indices currently used in the United States

## Thomas M. Graber Awards of Special Merit to:

Dr. Parul Sangwan from Texas A&M University for research titled: The effects of periodontal distraction on tooth vitality and bone quality/quantity: a split-mouth experimental design

Dr. Lauren Flynn from Texas A&M University for research titled: The efficacy of fluoride varnish versus a filled resin sealant for preventing white spot lesions among orthodontic patients

Dr. Khalid A. Alamoud from Boston University for research titled: Gsalpha deficiency in osteocytes alters craniofacial growth and enamel mineralization

Dr. Michele Kaplan from Columbia University for research titled: Effect of osteocyte apoptosis on orthodontic tooth movement, periodontal ligament, and alveolar bone: a pilot study in mice

The 2022 Hellman, Sicher, Graber online application opened on March 15, 2021. The deadline to apply is October 1, 2021.

COSA meets every January by videoconference.

The next video meeting is scheduled for January 7, 2022.

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