Face to Face.
“...to promote and disseminate knowledge on all aspects of implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration through education and research to the benefit of the patient.”
Facts & Figures 2011

Global
In 2011, the ITI added a new Section that currently represents 11 countries in South East Asia.

Fellows & Members
At the end of 2011, the ITI had 2,068 Members more and expanded its Fellow base to 801.

Expenditure
The ITI continued to invest in education and research to a total of more than 23 million Swiss francs.

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Face to face with the ITI.

The rapid spread of digital media and communication has greatly facilitated the work and the objectives of the ITI as well as opening up many new possibilities. However, the value of face-to-face communication, not only among dental professionals, Fellows and Members at education events, but also at regular meetings of the ITI Board of Directors, Committees and Leadership Teams cannot be underestimated.

Having started out in 1980 as an inter-disciplinary group of 12 men with a vision for the future of implant dentistry, in the intervening years the ITI has grown into a leading authority in the field. By the end of 2011, well over 10,000 Fellows and Members had become part of the dynamic and continuously growing network that is the ITI today.

Back in the 80s, implant dentistry was a field in which the basic principles of osseointegration were only just being introduced and accepted. The ITI, then based in Waldenburg, Switzerland was led by André Schroeder and Fritz Straumann, who championed research into functional ankylosis, as it was termed by André Schroeder, in combination with the principle of evidence-based results.

Given the relative newness of the field, the ITI was involved in three main areas: research, development and education. To support development, the ITI set up a committee that offered its expertise towards the development of implants and implant devices. In recent years, as the regulations surrounding development have become stricter and more formal, the ITI has withdrawn from this activity to concentrate more fully on its two other main areas of interest: education and research.

Since 1988, the ITI has been funding grants for research into implant-dentistry-related fields and has invested more than CHF 36 million to date, making it the largest, non-governmental funding organization in this field. Currently, the ITI dedicates approximately CHF 2.5 million to research annually. Projects are selected by the ITI Research Committee on a biannual basis and membership of the ITI is not a pre-condition for selection.

Education is an area in which the ITI has been active since the organization was founded. While implant dentistry has established itself as a valid and valuable therapy option, the ITI has increasingly turned towards providing tools and measures to support implant dentistry education. This ranges from regular national congresses to the ITI World Symposium that brings together key opinion leaders from the field every three to four years for a program of cutting-edge presentations. It also covers the publications issued by the ITI, including the Treatment Guide series of reference books, and the SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry as well as the organization’s biannual journal, Forum Implantologicum.

In addition to the above, the ITI also provides courses in cooperation with selected universities and institutions around the world. ITI Education Weeks are currently offered in seven locations and provide between four and seven days of intensive teaching involving theory, observation and practice along with discussion and ample time for networking.

For young professionals, the ITI has set up a year-long Scholarship program at its 19 Scholarship Centers around the world. This program gives an opportunity to gain experience in implant dentistry and also fosters international exchange for 25 professionals each year.
A further educational format is found in the ITI Study Clubs and their three to four meetings per year in groups of up to 30 members. ITI Study Clubs are found in virtually every country where the ITI has Members. The overwhelming success of this education format can be attributed in large part to its local availability and informal setting that lends itself to easy exchange among the participants.

All the above educational activities are planned and developed by the Education Core Group, University Programs Committee, Scholarship Committee and Study Club Core Group. In addition, many activities are also carried out by the ITI’s 27 regional and country Sections.

The interests of the Members and Sections are taken care of by the Section & Membership Core Group, ensuring that membership value remains constant and that Sections receive optimal support in budgeting their activities in line with Association requirements.

The six ITI Committees report to the ITI Board of Directors that is responsible for long-term strategy and decision-making, while the ITI Center takes care of daily operational tasks. The Committees and Board of Directors are all made up of ITI Fellows who offer their time and commitment on a voluntary basis and out of a sense of conviction for the ITI’s principles of evidence-based science and long-term results.

By the end of 2011, the ITI had grown to 801 Fellows and 9,983 Members.
Looking back on 2011, what stands out is the amazing rate of membership growth that gathered increasing momentum throughout the year, finishing with monthly registration of between 400 and 500 new Members. It is my belief that, in our commercially driven world, dentists today have a strong need to orient themselves towards an evidence-based entity and the ITI is seen by many as a safe haven in terms of solidly founded treatment recommendations.
Two projects in particular contributed to the boom in membership figures last year. These are the modified Study Club concept and the ITI national congresses.

**Study Clubs**
Thanks to the strength of the ITI and the many volunteers willing to take an active role in promoting and running ITI Study Clubs as Study Club Directors or Coordinators, the initiative has grown exponentially since it was launched in 2010. By the end of 2011, there were already 500 Study Clubs and in 2012 the number has increased to well over 600. The ITInet, also launched in 2010, has proved invaluable by providing a platform and tool for Study Club Directors to run the Study Clubs simply and efficiently.

**National congresses**
We held 14 national congresses in 2011, for 12 of which the ITI was the sole organizer. This allowed the ITI to enhance its reputation as a leading provider of evidence-based education in implant dentistry around the globe. Congress management is now handled by the event management team of the ITI working closely with each Section and under the general guidance of the Education Core Group. 2011 allowed us to gather a great deal of valuable experience as well as very satisfying results and we will continue to monitor our progress. With the industry exhibition that now accompanies each congress, we also give participants a valuable opportunity to assess what is available on the market in terms of new publications, technology and products.

In our Vision 2017 we state that our aim is to become the leading provider of implant dentistry education and I believe we have already achieved this goal.

**Internal changes**
The above developments made it necessary for the ITI to adapt its internal structures. The Study Club Task Force that was set up to launch the Study Club initiative was approved as a full Core Group and the organization also took the opportunity to upgrade the Scholarship Subcommittee to full committee status. These changes also contribute towards other important objectives, such as bringing down the average age of our executive bodies – the average age is now 49, as opposed to 55 in 2007 – and getting more women involved in decision-making. We now have 10 women, all highly qualified Fellows, sitting on various committees. As Scholarship Committee Chair, Frauke Müller also sits on the ITI Board of Directors. This sends a clear signal to the implant dentistry community that we are a forward-looking, modern organization.

Professor Dr. Daniel Buser was elected President of the ITI in 2009. His term of office continues until 2013.
In addition to committee changes, we also established a further position on the ITI Leadership Team: the Communications Officer. With the launch of the ITInet and the development of Section websites, it has become important to have one person in each Section who is responsible for driving internal and external communications and also updating the Section website and Section domains on the ITInet.

There is no doubt about the success of the ITInet. By the end of 2011 we were recording more than 20,000 visits each month, the majority of which are for the forums the ITInet offers at global, Section and Study Club level as well as the Document Library.

2011 also saw two changes at the Section level. The new South East Asian Section under the leadership of Dr. Sharifah Alhabshi is made up of 11 countries and is run by an enthusiastic and very active group of Fellows from Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. Geographically the new Section spans the gap between mainland China and the Australasian Section. Expansion was the reason for the change to the South African Section, which now also includes Namibia and Zimbabwe and has changed its name to the Southern African Section.

As our geographic coverage expands, so do the languages in which we provide information. Building on our eight core languages: English, Brazilian Portuguese, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese and Spanish, in 2011 we were able to add Turkish. The Turkish Section Leadership Team put considerable effort into growing their Section and making the ITI better known across the country. A generous gesture was made by Quintessence Publishing Group, which offered us the translation of Volume 5 of the Treatment Guide series into Turkish as a gift to celebrate our milestone membership...
figures. I happened to be in Australia for the ITI Congress and, together with the Australasian Leadership Team, was able to offer a personal welcome to our 10,000th Member: Dr. Jocelyn Shand, a highly respected Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon from the Royal Children’s Hospital, University of Melbourne.

**Milestones**
Apart from the many highlights, we also experienced a number of very sad events. The terrible earthquake and ensuing tsunami in Fukushima hit Japan very hard with the loss of life and level of destruction. It was unthinkable to hold the planned Japanese congress while the country was still in such a state of unrest, so instead we held a charity event and were able to contribute funds donated by ITI Fellows and Members all over the world.

Later on in the year, the global implant dentistry community experienced a deeply saddening loss when Robert K. Schenk died at the age of 88 years on September 20, 2011. Among his many contributions to the world of science during his career, Bob Schenk played a key role in the development and scientific documentation of bone regeneration in implant dentistry. At a personal level, his kindness and modesty made it a pleasure to spend time with him. It is thanks to the contribution of men like Bob Schenk that the ITI has been able to flourish.

**Outlook**
As we look to the future, we are well on track for the goals of our Vision 2017 and continue to move forwards with energy and enthusiasm. In my final year as President of the ITI, I am preparing for the handover in 2013 so that it can take place as smoothly as possible.

We still face challenges: at the financial level we have spent large amounts on running the national congresses and launching the Study Clubs but we are convinced that this will even out by 2013. We have called a temporary halt to the establishment of new Study Clubs until the end of 2012 in order to be able to focus on growing those we already have to achieve a minimum of 20 members. The ITI is flourishing and needs good organizational and administrative support, which it gets from the ITI Center. We are lucky to have such a strongly motivated and positive group of individuals supporting our progress.

We look forward to continuing growth with 15,000 Fellows and Members by the end of 2013.

Professor Dr. Daniel Buser
ITI President

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**Vision 2017**

By 2017 the ITI will be:

- the premier global multidisciplinary association in implant dentistry
- recognized as an independent association
- the leading academic provider of all levels of evidence-based education for implant dentistry
- a broadened network of Members and Fellows
- an organization that sustains growth without compromising quality
- the leading provider of non-governmental research funding in implant dentistry
- the ideal model for a partnership between an academic association and industry
ITI EDUCATION CORE GROUP AND COMMITTEE

Progressing educational measures and tools.

Stephen Chen, Chair of the ITI Education Core Group & Committee
In 2011 the ITI took on the role of major international congress organizer, taking responsibility not only for the scientific program but also for all organizational aspects. This brought challenges to the ITI Center in terms of manpower and experience and also increased responsibility for the Section Leadership Teams. Each Section is now required to not only ensure a full and interesting scientific program but to also ensure that the congress is run in a fiscally responsible manner. National congresses are now organized in close cooperation with the Education Core Group and the ITI Center in Basel according to a standardized approach that takes advantage of best practices. All national congresses now feature an industry exhibition. 2011 and 2012 have been officially declared years of transition as we aim towards a cost-neutral result that will give the ITI and Sections greater autonomy and financial independence. The 14 congresses held in 2011 were all successful, often drawing more participants than originally anticipated.

Beyond the congresses, the Education Core Group spent 2011 consolidating and progressing existing projects. Central to almost all these projects is the ITInet that was launched in the preceding year. Our online portal is a meeting point for Fellows and Members at the global, national and local levels. It is being increasingly widely used for discussion that ranges from practical case-related queries to academic questions in every area of implant dentistry. The ITInet not only fosters contact between individual Members and groups, but will also be increasingly used to carry out internal ITI processes.

In 2006, with the publication of the first volume of the ITI Treatment Guide, the ITI made a commitment to produce one volume per year. In 2011, we published the 5th volume on sinus floor elevation procedures. Because of the nature of the subject, it was felt that the content would be better supported by film material rather than photographs alone. This resulted in the production of a DVD to accompany the print version. The DVD, to which the principal contributors were Hideaki Katsuyama, Daniel Buser and Dieter Weingart, highlights sinus grafting techniques as well as variations on techniques and management of complications. From Volume 5 onwards all the ITI Treatment Guides will appear in nine languages – Turkish has been added to the original eight. Volume 6 on extended edentulous spaces in the anterior zone is planned for publication in mid-October 2012.

The second phase of the Speaker Library, which is based on the findings of the 2010 Speaker Library Conference, went live near the end of the year. This library of around 90 topics is now available to all approved ITI Speakers and ITI Fellows as well as ITI Study Club Coordinators and Directors. A few minor topics remain to be completed and are already in preparation, but the emphasis now will be on maintaining the library and keeping it up to date.

In line with our commitment to education and disseminating knowledge, we launched the new simplified ITI Speaker approval process in early 2011. ITI Speakers undertake to speak on behalf of the ITI and its philosophy when asked to lecture. In return they have access to certain online tools as well as the Speaker Library, all via the ITInet. The streamlined approval process takes place on the ITInet. ITI Speaker status can now be renewed.

ITI Education Core Group

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online as required through a straightforward process of self-reporting of speaking activities.

The SAC tool that the ITI offers as a diagnostic tool to all practicing dentists free of charge on its website was extended with an iPad version that was launched in 2011. This mobile version also allows Members and Fellows to create a pdf that can be printed or sent by email and then stored with the patient file. Versions for other operating systems are under consideration.

The Education Core Group is also supporting the educational objectives of the ITI Study Clubs by supplying two presentations each year. In 2011 these covered bone level implants and sinus floor elevation grafting (Treatment Guide 5). The presentations draw on evidence-based material and can be adapted to audiences of all levels. Study Club Directors are strongly encouraged to make use of this material.

Our next ITI Consensus Conference is planned for 2013 and preparation began in 2011. The organizing committee comprising David Cochran, Daniel Buser and Stephen Chen has selected a leader for each of the five working groups that will prepare three to four review papers for discussion by around 20 experts in each group. To ensure a uniform approach to the material and the way the findings are presented, a standardization workshop was run by Professor Ian Needleman in mid-2012.

The Core Group would like to thank Hideaki Katsuyama, Jim Ruskin and Daniel Wismeijer, who were rotated off the Core Group in 2011 and to welcome Alejandro Treviño Santos, Paul van Zyl and Nicola Zitzmann.
NEW FELLOWS

The ITI’s success is in very large part due to its Fellows and the work that many of them carry out for the organization by serving on Committees and in working groups on a voluntary basis.

In 2011, the ITI Board of Directors approved the nomination of 94 Fellows from 30 countries who meet the ITI’s requirements. The ITI welcomes all new Fellows to its global community.

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F: Faiella Robert, USA / Frabboni Pier Carlo, Italy

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H: Hains Frederick, USA / Hamasni Fatima, Lebanon / Huang Kuo-Ching, Taiwan / Hwang Jae-Woong, Korea

J: Jansisyanont Pornchai, Thailand

K: Kim Soung-Min, Korea / Kinsel Richard, USA / Kitchings Sterling, Australia / Konstantoulakis Efstratios, Greece / Kumchay Thongnand, Thailand

L: Lambert France, Belgium / Latief Benny, Indonesia / Laudenbach Jay, USA / Lee Soon, Malaysia / Liew Vincent, Australia / Liu Cheing-Meei, Taiwan / Liu Zhonghao, China / Lozano Frank, USA

M: Mikami Itaru, Japan

N: Namsik Oh, Korea / Navarro Juan Carlos, Colombia / Nelwan Leonard, Indonesia / Ng Ben Chuan, Malaysia / Norkin Frederic, USA

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R: Randel Harry, USA / Rantala Mikko, Finland / Reeves William, USA / Richman Colin, USA / Romanos George, USA / Rossi Fabio, Italy

S: Scarfe William, USA / Schrott Alexander, USA / Serichetaphongse Pravey, Thailand / Stewart John-Michael, USA

T: Tan Baosheng, China / Thomas Mark USA

U: Uçkan Sina, Turkey / Umanjec-Korac Sanja, Netherlands

V: Vailati Francesca, Switzerland / Virnik Sascha, Austria / Vorster Christiaan, South Africa

W: Wang Chun-Cheng, Taiwan / Wen Bo, China / Wu Chao-Nan, Taiwan / Wu Yiquan, China

Y: Yamashita Motofumi, Japan

Z: Zfaz Samuel, USA
ITI STUDY CLUB CORE GROUP AND COMMITTEE

Enabling local dialogue.

Luca Cordaro, Chair of the ITI Study Club Core Group & Committee
Study Clubs are a relatively new and very important initiative for the ITI. The ITI Study Club Core Group, formed out of the Study Club Task Force, was approved in 2011 at the last Annual General Meeting in Barcelona. The initiative has enjoyed great success in a relatively short time, exceeding its initial goal to set up 500 Study Clubs worldwide by the end of 2013 already by the end of 2011.

The role of the Study Club Core Group is to develop, establish and maintain a framework of guidelines for the Study Clubs. At the same time it is the aim to provide as much freedom as possible for Study Club Directors to run their Study Clubs in line with local needs. An educational component is delivered by the ITI Education Core Group in the form of two presentations each year on topical themes.

The ITI is very proud of this initiative, which is already being seen as a benchmark for the community of scientific associations. It combines a number of the organization’s objectives to provide education at the same time as creating a valuable and regular opportunity for local networking within an informal framework. Over time this allows for trust to be built up and the possibility to tap each other’s experience as necessary. Similarly, the creation of the Study Clubs and the roles of Study Club Coordinator and Study Club Director has allowed many more people to take an active role in the organization with direct responsibility for the ITI’s growth as well as growing within the organization itself.

Although the ITI is gratified by the excellent response to the Study Clubs, it is not the number of Study Clubs alone that is decisive. Now that a platform exists along with the technological tools to run them, it is important that the Study Club Directors take up the challenge on a local basis and build on the existing foundations. Meetings vary from Study Club to Study Club but in general include discussion of professional issues as well as a presentation and discussion of a case study – the more interactive and spontaneous the better.

The ITInet provides excellent support for Study Club administration and reporting. Reporting is vital as any activity that involves ITI funding must be transparently recorded and comply with the given regulations in order to maintain our non-profit status. There have been some initial problems learning how to use the administrative tool but these will surely be rapidly overcome as the tool is uncomplicated and automates many processes that would otherwise take up valuable time.

While all the Study Clubs are set up in the same way, each one is different based on geography and culture as well as personalities and focus. The work of the Study Club Core Group is to meet the needs of Study Club Coordinators in the face of local issues as they arise in the countries. Good communication is the only approach that works and annual meetings of the whole Committee will provide a solid basis from which to work in order to resolve issues as they arise.

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The ITI has been supporting research projects since 1988 and to date has contributed with funding of more than CHF 36 million for over 320 projects. The Research Committee meets twice a year to discuss the many applications that are submitted for a research grant each year. During its meetings in May and November in 2011, the Research Committee evaluated 70 applications, of which 43 were rejected and two returned for revisions: 25 grants were awarded in total.

Applications were received from 21 countries, the highest number of which came from the USA, Germany, Portugal and Switzerland. The highest number of grants was awarded to the USA, Germany and Switzerland, respectively. More applications are also now being received from countries that had previously not applied. The main focus of research in 2011 was predominantly in the area of bone augmentation, metabolism and implants, followed by prosthetics including occlusion and
esthetics and implant tissue interface. A total of 22 different institutions received grants.

The Committee is seeing a general trend away from laboratory and towards clinical studies and each year the number of applications increases as does their quality. As the budget remains constant at around CHF 2.5 million, this makes the job of evaluating applications increasingly difficult and very time consuming. Each member of the Research Committee spends between 60 and 80 hours each year on evaluations before meeting to discuss the projects in detail with the other members of the Committee. I would like to thank all of the Committee members for their continuing hard work and dedication to the task.

In order to be considered for a grant, applications must comply with the guidelines available on the ITI website and must also be submitted using the official application form provided for download on the ITI website. The ITI accepts applications from ITI Fellows and Members as well as from non-ITI researchers and reviews all applications according to four criteria:

- Relevance to current clinical issues in implant dentistry
- Hypothesis and methods described
- Experience of the researchers, their academic affiliation and research conditions available
- A clearly formulated and realistic budget proposal

To give their project the best chance of success, applicants are advised to read through the ITI Research Grant Application Guidelines very carefully in order to ensure that they comply with all the requirements.

**André Schroeder Research Prize**

The André Schroeder Research Prize that was first awarded in 1992 is presented to independent researchers for work that advances dental research and development and is oriented to implant dentistry, oral tissue regeneration and related fields.

In 2011 it was awarded to Nikola Saulacic for his work on “Bone apposition to a titanium-zirconium alloy implant surface” at the ITI Congress Benelux in Amsterdam. The study aimed to determine early healing events of titanium-zirconium (TiZr) implants in comparison with titanium implants – both with a modified sand-blasted, acid-etched (SLActive) surface and an implant material with additional strength (Ti6Al4V). The study concluded that TiZr implants compare favorably to Ti implants in terms of fast, early osseointegration.

This award carries prize money of CHF 20,000 as well as considerable prestige within the scientific community. It is awarded on an annual basis, given that a suitable project is submitted for evaluation.

All applications must represent original work and in 2011 the Research Committee took a decision to limit applications to published work or work that has been accepted for publication.

**Thanks**

The Committee would like to thank Urs Belser, David Cochran, George Sándor, and Kanichi Seto for their contribution to the Committee’s work over the years and to welcome Mauricio Araujo, Jocelyne Feine, Lisa Heitz-Mayfield and Daniel Wismeijer as new members of the Research Committee as of September 2011.

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**ITI Research Committee**

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Hammerle Christoph, Switzerland
Heitz-Mayfield Lisa, Australia
Reichert Torsten, Germany
Terheyden Hendrik, Germany
Wismeijer Daniel, Netherlands
Appert Christoph, Switzerland

**2011 Research applications and grants**

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* in CHF million
A unique educational experience.

Hans-Peter Weber, Chair of the ITI University Programs Committee
In line with the mission of the ITI to promote and disseminate knowledge on all aspects of implant dentistry, the University Programs Committee organizes continuing education courses in cooperation with seven educational institutions around the world.

The University Programs project was launched in 2009 in order to provide dental professionals with an opportunity for high quality continuing education. The intent of the ITI as an independent academic body was to offer evidence-based programs focused on treatment methods rather than product handling, which is often the focus of weekend courses sponsored by companies. The format chosen for this purpose was the Education Week, an intensive 4- to 7-day course with a structured approach that comprises lectures, live demonstrations and hands-on workshops. To ensure that the courses continue to meet the participants’ needs, the ITI gathers feedback after each course and has recently put the feedback process online to make it even easier for participants.

Our seven partner institutions were selected on the basis of a proven track record of excellence in education, certification to provide continuing education (CE) credits, state-of-the-art facilities including lecture rooms and infrastructure for live surgeries, live prosthetics and hands-on workshops. An important condition of eligibility was also the presence of an ITI Fellow in a leading position at each institution, who has the support of an experienced faculty. Six of the seven ITI Centers of Excellence have already held ITI Education Weeks over the past two to three years. As the seventh partner, the University of Melbourne will hold its first course in 2013.

The opportunity to become an ITI Center of Excellence in Implant Education is by invitation through the ITI University Programs Committee. All the courses are held in English and currently under discussion is the question whether ITI Education Weeks should be offered in other languages. The geographical spread of the current centers is such that they are relatively easily accessible from the majority of regions in which ITI Fellows and Members are based. Any additional centers will need to complement and complete the present offering. The Committee is also aware that care must be taken to ensure that each ITI Education Week remains dynamic, providing its participants with a unique educational experience.

In 2011, the ITI had highly positive feedback from all six of the ITI Education Weeks that were held throughout the year. All the courses are intense, comprising an attractive blend of evidence-based topics delivered in lectures and demonstrations as well as hands-on workshops by leading ITI panelists. This complements the unparalleled international networking opportunities these courses offer. The first ITI Education Week in Melbourne in February 2013 will live up to this promise, too.

In May, Ingrid Grunert (Austria) joined the Committee, replacing Simon Storgård Jensen (Denmark), who moved over to the Education Core Group. In September, Frauke Müller (Switzerland) and Lisa Heitz-Mayfield (Australia) rotated off the University Programs Committee and were replaced by Pedro Bullón (Spain), Mario Roccuzzo (Italy) and Yong-Dae Kwon (South Korea), increasing the Committee by one to a total of eight members.
Offering 25 young professionals every year an opportunity to gain experience in implant dentistry under the eye of an experienced ITI Fellow is a highly rewarding task, so it was my great pleasure and honor to take over the Chair of the Scholarship Committee from Hans-Peter Weber. In the past year, the Committee also had to say goodbye to two long-standing members, Erik Hjørt-Hansen and Klaus Lang, and I would like to thank them for their hard work and dedication on behalf of the many young professionals who benefited from the Scholarship program. To replace them, three new members joined the Committee: Hervé Buatois from Grenoble, France, Bo Chen from Beijing, China, and Martha Maria Theodorou from Florida, Argentina. So we now have eight members on the Committee, three of whom are women. As Committee Chair, I also have the honor of serving on the ITI Board of Directors, and this as the first woman in the history of the ITI.
Each year the ITI awards 25 scholarships to young professionals who would like to deepen their knowledge and experience of implant dentistry at the same time as broadening their cultural horizons in another country. The year also presents a unique opportunity to start building an international network that could well serve as a springboard to professional development later on.

In 2011, 101 completed applications for an ITI Scholarship were received from 39 countries around the world. The most applications this year came from India, China and the United States. The first step in each ITI Scholarship cycle is for the Chair to evaluate the applications. This is a very intensive phase as it takes about a week to check the submissions and see where more in-depth information is needed in order to select the well and potentially qualified candidates. The next stage is the online scoring by each of the Scholarship Committee members.

As there is significant competition for these 25 Scholarships which provide not only a position at one of the Scholarship Centers but also financial support towards living expenses, the Committee has to insist on high standards of clinical education and scientific skills on the part of candidates. Of course the applications also have to be formally correct and complete. For example, the two letters of recommendation must be recent and signed with an original rather than an electronic signature. To facilitate applications, we now offer a useful checklist that is available on the ITI website and shows what should be included in the application.

The Scholarship year also represents a considerable commitment for the Scholarship Centers, and in order to assure their integration into the local organization, all Scholars must sign a statement agreeing to certain terms and conditions, including a specified starting date. Scholars also agree to provide two reports – one intermediate report, half way through their Scholarship year, and one final report at the end. Reading last years’ reports was very heartwarming; it impressed me to see how much each Scholar had benefited from the scholarship and the professional opportunities provided as well as how much they enjoyed the personal experience of living in a foreign country.

2012 and beyond

We have a number of changes coming up in 2012, one of them is a new schedule for the application and the start of the Scholarship year. Following a decision made by the ITI Board of Directors, rather than meeting in January, the Scholarship Committee will meet in November to evaluate the applications. In order to accommodate this change, the application portal will now open in June rather than in October and remain open for 6 weeks. Consequently, as of 2013, the Scholarship year will run from September to September rather than October to October. This corresponds to the academic year in the majority of European and a number of other countries, which facilitates Scholar bonding with the current postgraduate class. Recent developments on the money market have led to an additional change concerning the stipend paid to Scholars. As of 2012 it will be converted to the currency of the host country in line with purchasing power parity (PPP). PPP compensates for fluctuating exchange rates and takes into account the real cost of living in each country. Thus the
stipend provides a buying power equivalent to CHF 40,000 in Switzerland.

Further excellent news: during the past year the Committee approved the application from the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine at the Michigan Center for Oral Health Research in Ann Arbor, USA, to become an ITI Scholarship Center. We took great pleasure in allocating the first Scholar to the new Scholarship Chair Professor William Giannobile for October 2012.

Last but not least, this report is an opportunity to thank Lucia D'Ambrosio and Kati Benthaus from the ITI Center for their efficient and friendly management of the ITI Scholarship program. Lucia has become the absolute go-to person for the Scholars and they know that they can contact her for all pertinent questions and problems. For me, too, it is a great pleasure to be working with her.
Two themes dominated the Section & Membership Core Group in 2011: finances and fellowship nomination. The ITI’s independence is crucial to how it is perceived as an organization and the Section & Membership Core Group’s work, with its emphasis on budgetary support, plays a key role in strengthening the ITI’s independence. It does so by steering the Sections towards a well-balanced activity plan that complies with ITI as well as national and international financial regulations.

As a non-profit organization, the ITI is bound by strict regulations in terms of its activities in order to maintain this status. One of the Section & Membership Core Group’s tasks is to monitor the annual budgeting process to ensure that only Section activities that are in line with the ITI’s non-profit status are supported. These activities are very clearly defined, more so than in the past. However, this can at times lead to frustration on the part of Sections that are very enthusiastic in planning.
promising events but are not aware of these constraints. The Section & Membership Core Group is there not only to scrutinize and correct budgets but also to offer individual Sections support and find ways of fulfilling their activity plan within the permitted parameters.

The Section & Membership Core Group’s work is not a purely financial exercise – cultural aspects also play an important role. Where people meet, how they meet and the degree of formality is not the same in every country and we have to accept this. Study Clubs are a case in point: the budget allocated to each Study Club is clearly defined but a large degree of freedom is left to the decision of how the budget is to be spent.

The Section & Membership Core Group is considering how best to support the budgeting process and one option would be to assign individual Core Group members with in-depth knowledge of countries or regions and their culture to those countries and regions. The next step would be to pool the information from as many different areas as possible so that we continue to understand our membership better in all its diversity.

At the Annual General Meeting in Barcelona last year we held our first Section Leadership Team Day. It became clear that while in established Sections everything runs fairly automatically, younger Sections have more of a problem familiarizing themselves with the administrative process. It must be said that this demands substantial time in the early years. We are also seeing rapid growth in the organization as a whole, which means that the Section Leadership Teams, too, have more administrative work than in previous years. At the moment it is still possible for the Section & Membership Core Group to maintain an ongoing overview of the organization without great difficulty, but in time it will become necessary to work even more closely with the Section Leadership Teams on a continuous basis. Clearly, to this end, the more culturally diverse the Section & Membership Core Group and the better prepared we are, the better for the organization.

Fellowship nomination is the other theme on which we spent a good deal of time last year. Fellows form the backbone of our organization through their work on our central committees and ad hoc working groups as well as in the Sections. It is therefore important that our nomination process is clear and that the Section & Membership Core Group receives all the necessary documentation in order to make well-founded recommendations to the ITI Board.

Considerable responsibility for the end result lies with the nominator as the Section & Membership Core Group can only do its work if it receives the necessary documentation. It is not enough to believe that someone should be a Fellow, their suitability must also be documented with detailed recommendations, a full CV, and proof of activity in line with the ITI’s philosophy. It is the nominator’s job to see that all this is supplied in the form required by the ITI.

Any Fellow with four years seniority can nominate a promising candidate for fellowship, but it is important to check beforehand with the Section Leadership of the relevant Section that this nominee will be accepted by the Section. The Section Leadership Team has a right of veto that they can exercise if they feel the nominee may, for any
reason, not fit in with the rest of the team. Supplying the right paperwork is equally important as the Section & Membership Core Group cannot make recommendations based on a verbal testimonial. To avoid disappointment and time spent revising the nomination, the Section & Membership Core Group urges nominators to take the time necessary to go through all the steps thoroughly and complete them as required.

We had a few changes in the Core Group last year and said goodbye to Pedro Bullón and Mario Roccuzzo, but were able to expand our group by replacing them with three new members: Merete Aaboe, Juan Blanco and Georges Gebran.

Given the rapid growth we experienced as an organization in the last year, the Section & Membership Core Group would like to pass on a big thank you to the ITI Center. It would be impossible to carry out our work without their ongoing help and excellent organization. As a final word, I would like to remind you all that the Section & Membership Core Group is there to ensure that the needs of our membership are continuously monitored leading to tangible benefits. The Section Leadership Teams therefore should make sure they take advantage of this fact by contacting us for support via the ITI Center as necessary.
HONORARY FELLOWS

Honorary Fellowship in 2011.

Celebrating the extraordinary contribution made by individual Fellows to the organization over the years is a duty in which the ITI Board of Directors takes great pleasure. In 2011, Honorary Fellowships were awarded to two men who have been very closely involved with the development of the ITI as an organization: Thomas Straumann and Walter Widmer.

Thomas Straumann

Thomas Straumann’s name signals a connection to the ITI that goes back to the foundation of the organization. As the son of Fritz Straumann who was one of the prime movers in establishing the ITI together with André Schroeder, Thomas Straumann grew up alongside the organization. He started work at Straumann in 1981 and in 1990 he took over the company in a very streamlined form, following the death of his father. His declared focus was on materials testing and development for the implant dentistry business. In the same year he was invited to join the Board of the ITI as the Straumann representative.

Thomas Straumann spent over 20 years on the Board of the ITI, playing a role in its development over the years and accompanying it through each stage of change. He supported the proposal to open up the regular symposia to an international audience and was also part of the decision to expand the ITI from a specialist think tank to a broader platform that brought together medical professionals with an interest in implant dentistry. Thomas Straumann is a strong believer in getting all the people involved to sit around the table and talk to one another. He sees that as a necessary step for the future of implant dentistry. There are questions, he feels, that need to be asked: which direction is medical engineering taking, where will we be in 10 years time, how are we to prepare for that future and to what degree can we influence it? Thomas Straumann is no longer directly involved
in the strategic direction and development of the ITI, but the organization is grateful for the contribution he made over two decades.

Walter Widmer

Among the frequent guests at the supper table in the Straumann home while Thomas Straumann was still a young teenager was a young man whose future was going to be very closely connected to that of the new implant dentistry association. It is impossible to think of the ITI and its first 30 or so years without also thinking of Walter Widmer, who was very involved in the start-up phase of the ITI and then devoted himself entirely to the continuous development and running of the organization over 30 years. While the ITI was still a small organization, he contributed actively to all three original committees: Research, Education and Development. Over time he devoted himself to the Research Committee, managing its administration and running.

Implant dentistry education was a key concern from the start and a substantial part of his work centered around organizing opportunities for education around the world. The venues for this were sometimes unusual – for instance, on board a ship in international waters just outside Stockholm. An area particularly close to his heart was the organization of the ITI Symposia that grew from initially a couple of hundred participants in Waldenburg to the last World Symposium in Geneva that drew 4,000 visitors. Walter Widmer was responsible for the planning and organization from start to finish, always working hand in hand with the Scientific Program Committee to ensure that the best possible technology and conditions were made available to speakers so that participants could enjoy a state-of-the-art program.

However, life at the ITI was not all work and among his duties was the organization of social events to accompany meetings and symposia. This is how the ITI membership came to enjoy a traditional fairground in the center of Munich on the ITI’s 25th birthday or ITI Committee members entertained the membership wearing fishnet stockings and full make-up at an Annual General Meeting event.

The ITI would like to congratulate both Honorary Fellows and thank them for their engagement on behalf of the organization.

Walter Widmer is presented with an ITI Honorary Fellowship for his more than 30 years of dedication to the ITI and its goals.

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Education – face to face.

One of the principal aims of the ITI’s vision formulated in 2007 is to become the premier global multidisciplinary association in implant dentistry by 2017. In addition to the many print and online tools and measures available from the ITI, the main path to this ambitious goal is through high quality evidence-based education on a face-to-face basis.

Over the years the ITI has developed and built up its educational offering to provide a range of different face-to-face channels to suit differing needs. A shared aspect of these formats is that they all offer participants the possibility to discuss questions that arise during the day with colleagues and friends in the breaks and evenings as well as networking in a predominantly international environment. This year’s annual report takes a look at the various events that make up that offering at the global, national and local level.
Consensus Conferences

Although not a public meeting, the ITI’s regular Consensus Conferences and the recommendations it produces lay the foundations for almost all its other activities. These meetings, which are held every four to five years, bring together the field’s top clinicians. Over three days, more than 100 practitioners with specialist expertise review and analyze the latest literature. They assess the strength of the most recent assertions in order to decide whether they can be included in the clinician’s armamentarium of techniques and materials. The aim is to produce a set of consensus statements and clinical recommendations reflecting the current status of scientific evidence, which are then published in a supplement to a peer-reviewed journal.

The first of the ITI’s Consensus Conferences was held in 1993, then in 1997, 2000 and 2003. The fifth ITI Consensus Conference, for which preparations began in 2011, will take place in Bern in 2013.
ITI World Symposium

The World Symposium is the ITI’s flagship event and one of the biggest meetings in the international implant dentistry calendar. Each Symposium deals with cutting-edge issues that reflect current concerns within the field and its faculty is drawn internationally from the field’s opinion leaders.

The scientific program consists of plenum sessions with simultaneous translation – in 12 languages at the last World Symposium in Geneva, Switzerland – as well as a series of parallel sessions, ensuring that a broad variety of prosthodontic and surgical topics can be covered in more detail in smaller groups. This format offers ample opportunity for discussion with the presenters.

The overall aim is to offer presentations that cover both theory and practice so that a good proportion of the material presented can be put into practice immediately. This includes, as a matter of course, the area of complications and different approaches to dealing with them.

Launched in 1988 as the ITI Symposium in Basel, Switzerland, the international aspect was added in 1995 when the Symposium travelled to Washington, USA, for the first time. Since then the event has taken place in many different parts of the world, growing larger and covering more territory each time.

The first Symposium drew 450 participants, growing steadily so that by 2010 and back in Switzerland it attracted a total of 4,000 participants from 81 countries, representing every branch of the dental profession with an interest in implant dentistry. The next World Symposium will be held in Geneva in 2014.

The 2010 World Symposium introduced a new dimension by inviting companies from the dental industry to exhibit their products. This proved to be a resounding success, allowing for a steady flow of valuable information on new products and innovations in the field and direct contact with their manufacturers and distributors.
Talk to opinion leaders

Sharing ideas and information
ITI national congresses

The majority of the ITI’s 27 regional and country Sections offer national ITI congresses at regular intervals. These allow each Section to shape its congress content according to national concerns and the national culture, with presentations in the country’s language delivered by local opinion leaders. A number of international speakers are normally also invited.

At the end of 2010, the ITI took over administrative responsibility for the national congresses in addition to its traditional role as congress scientific program organizer. Each congress is now organized by the ITI Center together with the Section, allowing for a streamlined organizational process that benefits from best practice. A consistent visual identity has also been applied that increases recognition of the ITI and communicates the fact that each Section is part of a larger entity with common goals.

As the first year in which the ITI took over responsibility for the entire program and execution of the national congresses, 2011 was treated as a year of transition. A total of 14 congresses were held – 12 of them run entirely by the ITI – and the Education Core Group was closely involved in defining guidelines and monitoring the progress of each congress. It is the aim of the ITI to make the national congresses a fully self-supporting event and, to this end, they follow the model of the World Symposium by also offering an industry exhibition.

Consolidation of knowledge

14 congresses were held
ITI Education Weeks

Since 2009, together with respected academic institutions, the ITI has been offering intensive four- to seven-day courses at a number of centers around the world. These ITI Education Weeks are modeled on the long-standing Education Week held at the University of Bern that has enjoyed enviable success for well over a decade. The format of each ITI Education Week follows a pattern of theory, observation and hands-on work that offers the best conditions for internalizing new information.

In groups of between 20 and 50, participants benefit from a central core of information that is comparable from center to center, while the remaining half of the program is determined by the faculty and their specialist focus. Continuing education credits – required annually as proof of ongoing professional development by the authorities in many countries – are offered with each course. Currently, all the courses are held in English and attract participants from all over the world.

As an independent organization, the ITI is ideally placed to offer an intensive educational program according to the principles of evidence-based findings and without any commercial affiliation. In its 30+ years, the ITI has built close relationships to many academic institutions through its various educational activities, such as the ITI Scholarship program with its 19 Scholarship Centers at universities around the world. The University Programs’ ITI Education Weeks have formalized that relationship to seven institutions in particular, following an in-depth selection process.

As part of the evaluation process, centers must show a proven track record of excellence in education and also demonstrate that they have the necessary infrastructure in place to provide ITI-quality courses based on ITI guidelines. These, in turn, are based on the findings of the regularly held ITI Consensus Conferences and the Consensus Paper that is published as a result. This approach ensures that not only the ITI Education Week, but all the educational tools and events promoted by the ITI follow the same principles and benefit from a solid foundation and consistent message.
The seven Centers are spread over four continents and all offer courses in English.
ITI Study Clubs

Newly re-launched in 2010 and then rapidly rolled out in the following year, the total of ITI Study Clubs quickly grew to 500 by the end of 2011. The Study Clubs, aimed at general practitioners, were envisioned as an additional channel to complement the work of ITI World Symposia and national congresses, but with a higher frequency and also a higher degree of interactivity. Fellows and Members immediately recognized these meetings as an excellent source of continuing education in their mother tongue as well as a valuable opportunity to meet and get to know colleagues practicing in the same city or area.

ITI Study Clubs restrict membership to a maximum of 25 to 30 members. This ensures that an informal setting is maintained, allowing members to raise issues, exchange ideas and bring along their own cases for discussion.

As part of the ITI’s mission to disseminate knowledge, the ITI Education Core Group also prepares and supplies two presentations each year on topics of current concern. As the content is 100% evidence-based, these presentations contribute significantly towards quality assurance among practitioners. In 2011, two comprehensive presentations were made available on bone level implants and sinus floor elevation, the latter based on the ITI Treatment Guide, Volume 5 that was launched in October 2011.

The overwhelming popularity of the Study Clubs shows that they fulfill an urgent need. At the same time they have proven to be a powerful driver of growth for the organization as a whole.
Print and online educational media

In addition to the events held around the world, the ITI provides additional sources of educational support through its publications, principal among these are the ITI Treatment Guide series and the SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry, as well as the material available to ITI Fellows and Members on the ITInet, such as the regular literature updates. The SAC tool – an electronic version of the SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry – is available not only to the membership on the ITInet but also to non-Members via the ITI website and as an iPad application. Fellows and Members benefit from an added feature that allows them to save each assessment as a PDF and print.
2011 was a very successful year for the Section. One of the most significant achievements was the official integration of Uruguay into the Section. All the activities for both countries were organized as the ITI Section Argentina & Uruguay.

The main goal in 2011 was to implement the Study Club concept and to select Study Club Directors. 10 Study Clubs were created across both countries (eight in Argentina and two in Uruguay), and 42 Study Club meetings took place between March and December. These Study Clubs had a great impact on the dental implant community and many professionals participated actively in all of them.

The Section also organized four educational days in Rosario, Mendoza, Córdoba and Montevideo, two ITI-sponsored events in Tucumán and Patagonia, and one regional meeting in Buenos Aires together with the Brazilian and Mexican Sections. Local and regional lecturers included Mauricio Araujo, Julio Cesar Joly, Alejandro Treviño and Juan Pablo Villareal. More than 200 attendees participated in the regional meeting.

The Section took advantage of this event to meet and form two internal committees. One group will organize the upcoming national congress in close collaboration with the Education Delegate and the Chair. The other group will start looking at research projects, a field that the Section has not been active in yet.

The Section also had the pleasure of a visit from Daniel Buser and Stephen Chen, who both lectured at local events and made Study Club presentations. The friendly and open approach of both professionals was highly appreciated. The main reason behind Professor Buser’s visit was to accept an Honorary Professorship from the Dental School of the University of Buenos Aires.

A Section Communications Officer was appointed in October and the Argentine and Uruguayan Leadership Team now comprises Gustavo Marion (Chair), Martha Theodorou (Education Delegate), Santiago Caram (Study Club Coordinator) and Diego Bechelli (Communications Officer). The Leadership Team is supported by Pablo Turek (Section Administrator) and Luz Bassetto (administrative support).

Near the end of the year, the Section started organizing its 2nd National ITI Congress. The title of the event is “State of the Art Implantology: Science and Clinic” and the Section is arranging an attractive agenda in which the experience of respected colleagues will be called on to contribute to daily practice with the latest developments and protocols. Paolo Casentini, Maurizio Tonetti, Paul Fugazzotto and Waldemar Polido will participate as guest speakers. A poster competition and a commercial exhibition will also be part of the congress. The event will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from June 14 to 15, 2013.

At the end of 2011, the Section had grown to 243, made up of 18 Fellows and 225 Members.
Australasian Section

2011 was a very busy year for the Australasian Section with a full and successful education program, the biennial ITI Congress Australasia and the introduction of the ITI Study Club concept.

The Section organized 20 evening seminars and two hands-on courses, covering a wide range of implant-related topics. These courses have always been popular, as underlined by excellent member participation at these events.

The ITI Congress Australasia took place in Melbourne in July and was attended by more than 300 participants. The theme of the meeting, “Working together works – Teamwork for success in implant dentistry” was highlighted by international keynote speakers, Dean Morton and Robert Levine, and 11 national speakers. The two-day program provided clinicians with cutting-edge information on surgical, technical and restorative aspects of contemporary implant dentistry. During the Fellows’ meeting preceding the congress, eight new Fellows were welcomed to the Section. Lisa Heitz-Mayfield was elected Chair; Anthony Dawson Education Delegate; Chris Evans Study Club Coordinator, and Robert Santosa Communications Officer.

A Speaker Development Day was held in Melbourne in October. The Section also had a visit from ITI President Daniel Buser and Kati Benthaus from the ITI Center, coincidentally marking the 10,000th ITI Member, Jocelyn Shand from Melbourne. The year has also been marked by an increase in the number of Study Clubs in the Section, which currently has 16 Study Clubs around Australasia and is growing fast.

The Section would like to thank Stephen Chen for all his work and efforts as Section Chairman over the past four years.

The Section experienced strong growth on the back of its full program of activities. At the end of 2011, the Section increased the number of its Fellows from 25 to 33 and its Members from 580 to 727. This represents more than 25 percent growth over the previous year.

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Section Chair:
Lisa Heitz-Mayfield

Education Delegate:
Anthony Dawson

Study Club Coordinator:
Christopher Evans

Communications Officer:
Robert Santosa

Section Administrator:
Angela Young
Austrian Section

In 2011, the Section concentrated on raising awareness of the ITI and the opportunities it offers Fellows and Members. To this end, it appointed a Study Club Coordinator – Andrea Albert-Kiszely – and established five Study Clubs throughout the country which held a total of 14 meetings in 2011. These were a great success and included the participation of distinguished international speakers from various universities. During the Study Club meetings, presentations were made on the ITInet, highlighting its many benefits, particularly the opportunities for networking.

In January Markus Theis took over as Section Administrator and handed on his responsibilities to Slaven Krajinovic in December.

The Section met in September for the annual Section meeting, which took place in Salzburg and provided presentations made by international speakers on various topics.

At the end of 2011, the Austrian Section had 14 Fellows and 68 Members.
Belgian Section

The Belgian Section, established in 2008, delivered a varied program in 2011 to reach a broad audience. The Section expanded its activities in various areas such as the Study Clubs, where it established five Study Clubs around the country that held a total of 16 meetings throughout the year. The goal of the Study Club concept is to develop regional activities in which both knowledge-sharing between participants as well as presentations on implant dentistry can take place. The frequent meetings and the number of participants in the Study Clubs show that ITI Members and guests alike welcome this concept. Some ITI Fellows also participated in the activities organized by the French ITI Section.

The ITI Congress Benelux took place in Amsterdam on June 10 and 11. More than 300 participants came to listen to a faculty of international and national speakers talking about “Speeding up procedures, but what if things go wrong?” Among the international speakers were Daniel Buser, Giovanni E. Salvi, Irena Sailer and Julia Wittneben. From Belgium, Ignace Naert talked about “Prosthetic-related issues” and Eric Rompen discussed “Prevention and management of soft tissue complications with a particular focus on the aesthetic zone”.

During this congress, Daniel Buser took the opportunity to present the 16th André Schroeder Research Prize to Nikola Saulacic for his experimental study on “Bone apposition to a titanium-zirconium alloy implant surface”.

The symposium at the KUL (Catholic University of Leuven) in autumn, with Urs Belser as speaker, was yet another example of the qualitative presentations the Belgian Section strives for.

However, discussion within the Section is not limited to implant dentistry only. For example, Bart Vandenberge held a workshop on “Digital Impressions: the future of the present”. Dr. Vandenberghe has a Master’s in Medical Imaging. His overview provided insight into the various application possibilities and benefits of digital impressions.

The Section was happy to welcome a new Fellow in 2011, France Lambert. France Lambert has a lot of experience in implant dentistry and was already an enthusiastic guest at several ITI activities. She was awarded an ITI Scholarship to Harvard in 2005.

At the end of 2011, the Section had 9 Fellows and 103 Members.

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Brazilian Section

The Brazilian Section focused on growth in 2011 primarily through the implementation of Study Clubs along with the necessary training. It also spent time on increasing awareness of the ITInet and the opportunities it offers its membership.

There were a number of Leadership Team changes during the year. Wagner Duarte handed on his duties as Study Club Coordinator to Gojko Cvijic, who passed on his duties to João Garcez-Filho at the end of the year. Wagner Duarte became the Section Education Delegate, taking over from Julio Cesar Joly.

During the year, the Section held one Section meeting, three regional meetings as well as an ITI Study Club Director Meeting with ITI President Daniel Buser. A Speaker Development course was held in Campinas at which the participants proved not only their readiness to communicate but also to perfect their cooking skills. A professional chef was on hand to steer the activities towards a delicious meal for everyone.

In 2011, the Section experienced more than 10 percent growth by increasing the number of its Members from 293 to 325. The number of Fellows stayed constant at 33.
Canadian Section

In 2011, the focus of the Canadian Section was on growth for the Section as a whole using various measures. At the top of the list was establishing more Study Clubs and increasing the number of meetings held. The Section also worked on promoting the ITInet as a communications tool as well as improving communications between Fellows and Members in general and increasing attendance at Section events and meetings. A new member of the Leadership Team was appointed: Majd Al Mardini is now taking care of all communications matters for the Section.

By the end of the year, the number of Study Clubs had risen dramatically: 68 meetings were held by the 22 Study Clubs. Study Club Coordinator William Abbott undertook a weekend Study Club tour on October 19 and 20 and traveled to Edmonton, Alberta and Vancouver, British Columbia. He made presentations on the ITI as an organization and talked about the ITI Study Club concept, current status and future goals. His tour was a great success and had a great impact on the number of new Study Clubs formed as well as positively affecting membership numbers.

A Speaker Development session took place in Montreal on May 7, 2011, where the Canadian Fellows learned about intra-oral photography. It was followed by the Section meeting which looked at creating more Study Clubs, attracting more Members, and also discussed the next Canadian congress and the ITI Education Week.

The ITI Education Week at Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital, Toronto, from October 26–29, 2011 was a great success. The four-day program is based on the ITI’s philosophy of evidence-based treatment approaches and consists of lectures, live broadcasts of procedures, and hands-on exercises. The next ITI Education Week is set for October 24–27, 2012.

In 2011, the Canadian Section increased the number of its Members from 279 to 387 and had 31 Fellows.
The great success of the 3rd ITI National Congress held from September 21–23 in Nanjing was the highlight of 2011. Thanks to the contribution of Daniel Buser, Stephen Chen, and Dean Morton as well as the national Leadership Team, the congress attracted an unprecedented 900 participants. The number of attendees is among the highest for an implant-dentistry-related congress in China. The leadership meeting was held during the national congress with the participation of Daniel Buser and Kati Benthaus. In this meeting, it was decided that the 4th National Congress will be held in Shanghai in 2013.

The Chinese Section continues to put emphasis on the promotion of the ITI Study Club concept. An annual Section meeting was held at the end of the year with all eight Study Club Directors and invited Fellows. Though implant dentistry has developed quickly in China in recent years, due to the lack of education and training in this field in the past, considerable efforts and patience need to be applied in order to see progress.

The ITI Treatment Guide series and SAC Classification have proven to be very helpful in discussion as part of Study Club activities and strengthen the image of the ITI as the leading provider of evidence-based implant education. Luca Cordaro took time to give a lecture on bone level implants at one of the Study Club meetings.

A Speaker Development program was initiated and will be repeated on a regular basis.

At the end of 2011, the Section had 16 Fellows and 114 Members.
**Danish Section**

The Danish Section focused its energy on supporting the Study Club initiative and by the end of 2011 had managed to establish seven Study Clubs around the country. 245 participants attended the 16 meetings held throughout the year. Among the topics covered were the presentation of the SAC classification system and basic surgical techniques for implant installation. The use of membranes for GBR, one- or two-stage bone augmentation procedures, complications during implant therapy and how to avoid them as well as prognosis and prosthetic complications in implant dentistry were also discussed.

Beyond its standard evening courses, the Section also held a Section meeting with Niklaus P. Lang as the main speaker, who talked about "New advances in osseointegration – the significance for implant stability".

The Section’s major educational activity was the 3rd national congress, with the topic “Prevention and management of complications in implant dentistry”. The scientific program featured national and international speakers – including ITI President Daniel Buser and Dean Morton, and covered aspects related to both biological and technical/prosthetic complications, including prognosis of dental implants. The congress was attended by around 230 participants – a large number for national standards.

In organizational terms, one Study Club Director and one Fellow meeting were held. At the end of 2011, the Section had 13 Fellows and 248 Members.

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Dutch Section

“Speeding up procedures, but what if things go wrong?” was the theme of the second ITI Congress Benelux that took place in Amsterdam in June. The program and speakers, among them Daniel Buser, Irena Sailer, Julia Wittneben and Giovanni Salvi from Switzerland, were well received and appreciated by the more than 300 participants.

In addition to the congress, the Section put effort into rolling out the Study Club initiative by establishing new Study Clubs and organizing meetings. The annual Section meeting took place in Corpus Leiden with a scientific meeting on the use of bisphosphonates and antibiotics in connection with implant dentistry. ITI theme evenings were also organized that covered various implant dentistry topics. As in previous years, they were well received by the participants.

At the end of 2011, the Section had 14 Fellows and increased the number of its Members from 239 to 252.

Finnish Section

The efforts of the Finnish Section went in two directions during 2011: the upcoming national congress on September 14 and 15, 2012 and establishing Study Clubs.

Four Section Leadership meetings were held in 2011, largely devoted to the organization of the national congress entitled “When surgery meets prosthetics”. The faculty is headed by guest speaker Ronald Jung from the University of Zurich, complemented by national speakers and a great program that also offers parallel sessions.

The annual Section meeting was held in Helsinki together with a Fellow meeting and two Study Clubs were established in Helsinki and Turku that were greeted with much enthusiasm by their participants.

In 2011, the Finnish Section had 14 Fellows and increased the number of its Members from 37 to 45.
French Section

One of the main goals of the French Section for 2011 was to strengthen relations between its Speakers and Members and many measures were implemented to this end. With the help of Thomas Kiss, the French Section domain on the ITInet was launched and Members can now contribute to a forum and see all the information concerning the French Section in their own language. The growing activity in the forum is a well-deserved reward for the work undertaken.

In September, the Section welcomed German Gallucci from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, who took the opportunity to explain his vision of implant dentistry through presentation and discussion. As the mainstay of the Section, Study Club meetings took place regularly and benefited from a boost thanks to a visit from ITI President Daniel Buser. About 10 Study Clubs were active by the end of 2011, with the promise of more to come.

The educational component of the Section’s program did not suffer either, with the launch of two additional training centers in the eastern and Rhône regions for “straightforward surgery”, thus ensuring nationwide coverage.

During 2011, the Section Leadership Team spent time preparing the program for the next national congress that is scheduled to take place in February 2013, and also to finalize an upcoming multicenter prospective study on short implants.

At the end of 2011, the Section had 13 Fellows and 119 Members.

Section Officers

Section Chair: Paul Rousseau
Education Delegate: Hervé Buatois
Study Club Coordinator: Antoine Rimmer
Section Administrator: Lotfi Madaoui
In addition to the intensive and time-consuming preparations for the national congress that took place in Cologne in spring 2012, the German Section also concentrated on developing the Study Club concept further and increasing the number of Members in the Section.

All three areas produced outstanding results and, with more than 500 Fellows and Members and 50 Study Clubs by the end of 2011, the German Section was able to outstrip its own ambitious goals significantly.

The German Section met twice during the year: in February for its annual Fellow meeting in Eltville with an accompanying excellent scientific program and then later on in fall in Mainz for the Young ITI Symposium. Bilal Al-Nawas was responsible for putting together an ambitious program for the latter entitled “Innovation in implant dentistry – future or reality?” Speaker seminars that outlined the ITInet Speaker Library offering and its many possibilities as well as workshops dealing with the preparation of professional presentations were in great demand.

The Section Leadership Team expanded to include the new Communications Officer – Georg Bach.

By the end of the year, the German Section had 90 Fellows and increased the number of its Members from 331 to 428.
Hellenic Section

Organization of the ITI Study Clubs took center stage for the Hellenic Section in 2011. The concept of the Study Club was met with great enthusiasm by the Greek and Cypriot ITI Members and has been one of the main attractions for dental professionals to join the ITI. Currently, nine Study Clubs have been established in Greece and two in Cyprus. The ITInet platform has greatly facilitated the administration of these Study Clubs.

The second implant curriculum was successfully completed in June 2011. Participants were exposed to a comprehensive continuing education course organized in eight modules administered over 17 days in total. This year, emphasis was on the improvement of treatment planning skills as well as hands-on surgical and prosthetic exercises. The enhancement of teaching through videos of clinical procedures and attendance of live surgeries, both in an office as well as in a hospital setting, also played a central role.

In 2011, the Hellenic Section held three one-day educational events. The topic of the first event was immediate loading. For the second event, the Section invited Luca Cordaro and Mario Roccuzzo, who shared their experience and expertise on the management of patients with advanced periodontal disease and severely compromised dentition. The third educational event covered the prevention and management of biological, surgical and prosthetic complications in implant dentistry and guided bone regeneration. Currently, the Section Leadership Team is preparing the third National ITI Congress that will be held in Athens in September 2012 with the participation of international and local ITI speakers.

Despite the unfavorable financial situation in Greece, the Hellenic Section experienced an impressive increase in its membership in 2011. At the end of 2011, the Section had 11 Fellows and 187 Members.

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At the end of 2010, the Iberian Section set itself the goal of increasing Section membership by 20 percent. It planned to achieve this goal through a strong program of activities and, in particular, by setting up ITI Study Clubs in Spain and Portugal.

In March, the Section took the opportunity to combine a number of events with a one-day congress that took place in Porto. The excellent scientific program attracted 70 participants. A Section Leadership meeting and Section meeting for Fellows and Members also took place. Time was scheduled for a speaker support workshop for 37 Spanish speakers that provided information about the ITInet and also presented the conclusions of the last ITI Consensus Paper. And finally the occasion also served to launch the Section’s first Study Club with 23 participants.

Two further Leadership meetings took place in May in Oviedo and October in Tenerife and, in combination with the latter, Spanish ITI Members took part in a one-day event on the statistical management of clinical data and periodontal plastic surgery.

By the end of the year, the Section had set up 23 Study Clubs, increasing the number of its Members from 244 to 321, with a total of 38 Fellows. This represents an increase of 27 percent over the previous year’s membership figures.
Italian Section

During 2011, Section activity focused on two main targets: Study Club growth and national congress organization. Thanks to the efforts of the Leadership Team both activities were very successful. The establishment of 19 Study Clubs, with 57 meetings and 1,066 participants throughout the country was the basis for the great success of the national congress, which took place in Florence in November and was attended by about 900 participants. Top national speakers came to lecture in this beautiful city and contributed to a unique scientific program. An industry exhibition as well as a research and clinical case competition completed the range of activities. Marco Aglietta and Ferruccio Torsello won the research competition and Stefan Storelli was awarded first place in the clinical case competition.

A pre-congress course offered in English with simultaneous translation into Italian was an excellent opportunity for non-Italian speakers to participate. It was held by Hans-Peter Weber, Tufts University Boston, and German O. Gallucci, Harvard University Boston.

The Section also organized SAC courses: one Straightforward course with 11 participants and four Advanced courses, with 77 participants. At the end of 2011 the Section had 34 Fellows (33 Fellows and 1 Senior Fellow) and 390 Members.

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2011 was a difficult year for Japan with the earthquake, tsunami and ensuing turmoil. Nevertheless, the Section managed to carry out many of its planned activities. The national congress was planned but was replaced by a charity event in July. The event comprised a scientific program of five lectures on different approaches to teamwork in implant dentistry. It was attended by ITI President Daniel Buser, who handed over a check for 10 million Japanese Yen (USD 130,000) to Peace Winds Japan – a non-governmental organization dedicated to supporting people in distress. The sum is made up of revenues from the event as well as donations from ITI Fellows and Members worldwide.

The Section began the year with 18 Study Clubs and then added a further 12 – four of which are in the Tohoku area where the earthquake took place. 58 Study Club meetings took place during the year with a total of 870 participants. The Section also held four Leadership meetings, a Study Club Director meeting, two Fellow meetings as well as a Section meeting that drew 120 participants.

By the end of the year, the Japanese Section had 27 Fellows and had increased the number of its Members from 603 to 734.
Korean Section

The highlight of the Korean Section’s year was the national congress held in Seoul in early July that attracted more than 200 participants, who came to listen to national and international speakers presenting current trends in implant dentistry. The congress contributed to making the ITI better known in Korea and worked hand in hand with the establishment of 14 Study Clubs around the country.

During the year, the Section also held two Speaker Development activities, a Study Club Director meeting with Luca Cordaro as the guest speaker as well as four scientific meetings that each drew between 45 and 66 participants. The scientific meetings were entitled Forum Days and formed part of the Section’s strategy to increase membership by offering an attractive educational program.

At the end of 2011, the Section had 15 Fellows and increased the number of its Members from 117 to 172.

Mexican Section

The Section was very pleased with the outcome of its first national congress at which six national and seven international speakers gave presentations. The international speakers were Niklaus P. Lang, Urs Belser, Frank Schwarz, Hideaki Katsuyama, Pedro Tortamano Neto, Julio Cesar Joly and Javier Fabrega. More than 600 participants came to listen and left satisfied with the range of topics covered and the expertise of the speakers.

During the year, more than 10 Study Clubs were established and with them a new concept for continuing education. One of the Study Clubs even managed to attract international participation at a number of its meetings.

Near the end of the year, the Section held its annual meeting which drew almost 300 participants and also focused on developing a strategy to promote the Section. A new addition to the Section Leadership Team: Bernardo Garza Garza was elected ITI Communications Officer.

At the end of 2011, the Section had 11 Fellows and 90 Members.
Middle East Section

As a relatively young regional Section with 14 member countries, the Middle East Section is working hard to increase its membership figures in each country and also to develop a sense of belonging that unites its Fellows and Members across national borders.

Given the increase in membership fees in 2011, the Section took pains to offer a full program of educational activities with the aim of ensuring that current Members stay with the Section and to attract new Members via Study Club activities.

A new Study Club was established in Amman and during the year, eight Study Clubs held a total of 22 events. The UAE Study Clubs managed to get CME accreditation from the Abu Dhabi Health Authority towards license renewal to practice in the UAE. Feedback from Study Club participants was very positive.

In May, the Section held its first regional congress in Beirut, which was a resounding success. More than 500 participants attended, including a number of visitors from Europe and America. The program was presented in English by 19 regional and international speakers.

Among the other meetings held by the Section were a Speaker Development workshop at the University of Sharjah, UAE, a Study Club Director meeting, three Fellow and leadership meetings and an annual Section meeting.

By the end of the year, the Section had increased the number of its Fellows from 12 to 19 and had 148 Members.
South East Asian Section

The ITI’s 27th Section was approved at the Annual General Meeting in Barcelona in 2011. The South East Asian Section is made up of 11 countries: Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. Currently, the Section has Fellows or Members in only seven of these countries.

The Section held its first Fellow meeting on October 9, 2011 in Singapore. Twelve of the 15 Fellows attended the meeting along with ITI President Daniel Buser and Kati Benthaus. The meeting endorsed the Leadership Team made up of Sharifah Alhabshi (Malaysia) as Chair, Alvin Yeo (Singapore) as Education Delegate, Chatchai Kunavisarut (Thailand) as Study Club Coordinator and Chi Cheong Yip (Malaysia) as Communications Officer. The participants also made plans for the first annual Section meeting in May 2012 in Kuching, Malaysia with Stephen Chen as the keynote speaker as well as the ITI National Congress 2013 in Thailand.

The Section had eight active Study Clubs – four in Thailand, two in Indonesia and one each in Singapore and Malaysia. A total of 22 Study Club events were successfully conducted with 872 participants and an average of about 39 participants per event. Just over 500 of the participants were guests, making up 58 percent of the participants. The Section is making every effort to convince these guests to join the ITI.

Fourteen new Fellows were approved in May and December 2011 and Thailand has 10 Fellows, followed by five in Malaysia, four in Singapore and three in Indonesia.

By the end of the year, the Section had 22 Fellows and 157 Members.
The main goals of the ITI Southern African Section for 2011 were to expand the membership pool and the number of Study Clubs hosted in the main city centers throughout South Africa. The Section also set out to get actively involved in the postgraduate diploma course in implantology at the University of Pretoria. The leadership structure changed in that Pieter Wolfaardt was appointed Study Club Coordinator and Christiaan Vorster joined the Section Leadership Team as Communications Officer.

The main activity of the Section was to host the ITI National Congress in Pretoria in July 2011 entitled “Management of Esthetics in Implant Dentistry”. The main speakers at the congress were Will Martin and Brody Hildebrand from the United States, complementing local speakers from South Africa. The congress was well attended by ITI Members and non-Members alike. It was preceded by a very successful Speaker Development and photography course also presented by international speakers.

The ITI’s involvement in the University of Pretoria training program was to help with the lectures and live demonstrations in line with the SAC classification. Two courses were run throughout 2011 and another student intake is planned for 2012. The Section membership pool also increased as a result of the students attending the diploma course. These students clearly indentified the benefits of becoming members of the ITI.

The Cape Town Study Club divided into two Study Clubs, each hosting four events during 2011. There are several new Study Clubs planned for 2012, which will expand the ITI’s presence in Southern Africa.

By the end of 2011, the Section had 13 Fellows and 189 Members.
Swedish Section

The sixth national congress – “festITival” – was held in April in Stockholm and the main theme was “Open windows facing the future – digital techniques and new materials for both implant and conventional treatment”. More than 500 attendees from Sweden, Norway and Finland participated in the congress. Among the lecture topics were: “Computer-assisted implant planning and surgery; daily practice of future tools?” by Ronald Jung, “Stem cells for peri-implant tissue engineering” by George Sándor, and “Implant treatment planning software – an essential tool of gadgetry” by Daniel Wismeijer.

Alongside the congress, the Swedish ITI Section held its annual Section meeting. A new Leadership Team was elected and as the main focus for 2012, the Section Leadership Team decided to establish further ITI Study Clubs throughout the country and plan the seventh national seminar in June that will deal with digital implant planning. The seventh national congress is to be held in April 2013 in Stockholm with the title “Complications and future perspectives in implant dentistry”, several international lecturers are to be invited. During 2011, three Study Clubs were run with a total of seven well received meetings.

At the end of 2011, the Swedish Section had 17 Fellows and 93 Members.

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Swiss Section

The Section started with a new Leadership Team headed by Bruno Schmid as Chair. The team worked well together and put a lot of effort into improving communications with Section members. A combined Fellow/Speaker/Study Club Director meeting was held in Bern in March with the focus on the new Study Club concept.

An additional Study Club was established in order to serve dentists in the Upper Valais. A total of 91 meetings were held by 34 Study Clubs throughout the year, which were attended by almost 1,300 dentists. The Section thanked five outgoing Study Club Directors for their valuable contribution over previous years and welcomed their successors. It was also a great pleasure to welcome Anthony Dickinson, during his visit to Switzerland, to a combined Study Club meeting in Bern where he provided the participants with a lively lecture on “40 tips and tricks for avoiding and managing complications”. The Section also held 24 ITI courses in the country’s three languages and approved 19 additional ITI Speakers to bring the total up to 47.

Last but not least, the Section concentrated on the organization of its first national congress in Biel in May 2012.

At the end of 2011, the Section had 78 Fellows and 1,024 Members.

Taiwanese Section

In 2011, the Taiwanese Section launched the Study Club initiative and a total of four Study Clubs held 16 meetings during the year. In addition, the Section also invited Stephen Chen to Taiwan to give a very well attended lecture for the Section meeting with an accompanying scientific program entitled “From concept to reality – timing and risk assessment of esthetic implants” that was held on August 21. The scientific meeting was one of the biggest dental events in Taiwan in 2011.

The Section was very pleased to welcome two ITI Scholars back to Taiwan. Chih-Long Chen finished a one-year program in Amsterdam and Lian-Ping Mau spent a year in San Antonio, Texas. In October, the Section was able to send out a further two Scholars. Both are in Germany: Wei-Ni Lin is in Bonn and Chia-Jung Cheng in Mainz. The Section looks forward to their return bearing valuable knowledge gathered during their Scholar experience.

At the end of 2011, the Section increased the number of its Fellows from 5 to 11 and had 50 Members.
The Turkish Section enjoyed a very busy and active year during which it worked to expand and implement Study Clubs throughout the country and increase use of the ITInet among its membership.

The year’s educational highlight was the national congress held in Istanbul in May that drew more than 400 participants to listen to presentations on “Questioning the conservative approach and dental implantology without failure”. Among the guest speakers were Daniel Buser and Urs Belser.

Four Leadership meetings were held during the year as well as the traditional Section meeting at the end of November that took place in Antalya. The scientific program for the meeting was led by guest speaker Bilal Al-Nawas from Germany along with nine national speakers. This meeting was combined with a Speaker Development activity that focused on optimizing presentations using Photoshop as well as a Study Club Director meeting.

The Section’s initial 10 Study Clubs ran a total of 40 meetings during the year and an additional six new Study Clubs were established near the end of the year that held their first meetings in December.

During the year, 20 education meetings were held in 20 cities as well as a two-day course on implant dentistry at SAC Advanced level – a total of 380 ITI Members attended these courses.

The Section is very pleased that Study Club Coordinator Kivanç Akça has been assigned to serve on the Study Club Core Group and that Turkish is now the ninth ITI core language.

By the end of the year, the Section increased the number of its Fellows from 20 to 26 and its Members from 265 to 338.
UK & Irish Section

2011 was another excellent year for the UK and Ireland Section of the ITI. The main highlight of the year for the Section was the ITI Congress UK & Ireland held in Liverpool from December 1 to 3. The Section was able to welcome Daniel Buser and Urs Belser who provided a pre-congress master class that was very well received by all who attended. Following this there were two days of an excellent scientific program including speakers such as Ken Hebel, Frank Schwarz and Daniel Wismeijer. There were also parallel programs for the dental team and dental technicians. The congress welcomed almost 500 participants to Liverpool for a wonderful educational and social event.

Aside from this, the ITI UK and Ireland Section was delighted to see two of its Members, Neel Patel and Rachel Tabor, awarded scholarships through the ITI Scholarship program and also to see one of its Fellows, Nikos Mardas, awarded first place at the EAO research prize in Athens.

The Section looks forward to another fantastic year in 2012 when it has been given the privilege of hosting the ITI Annual General Meeting in London on September 1.

At the end of the year, the Section had 37 Fellows while the number of Members grew from 577 to 683.

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US Section

2011 was a banner year for the US Section in which the goals set at the end of 2010 were all by far surpassed. The national congress held in Boca Raton, Florida in April received top marks from its more than 750 participants. Particularly appreciated was the innovative “Tech Hall” with its 12 different technology pods that were repeated every half-hour. Each pod consisted of a 25-minute program treating a technological topic, some of which involved patients and animal specimens as well as various dental models. This segment of the program was so well received that it will also be part of the 2013 ITI Congress North America in Chicago, where the Section is joining forces with the Canadian Section to bring the continent an even bigger and better program. The next congress is running under the title: “Connectivity in Implant Dentistry: Putting the Pieces Together” and will be held in early April 2013.

The Section had a change in leadership in 2011 when Hans-Peter Weber, Jim Ruskin and Jeff Thomas rotated off the Leadership Team to be replaced by Dean Morton, Frank Higginbottom and Will Martin. The Section would like to express its thanks for the outgoing team’s passion, efforts and commitment to growth and excellence within the Section.

In support of the Study Club initiative, a Study Club Director meeting was held in Boca Raton in April where information was given on creating and managing the Study Clubs. This proved to be a very useful meeting as it allowed the Study Club Directors to exchange information on how to make their club more attractive while also offering an educational program that is in line with the ITI philosophy.

In October a Fellow meeting was held in Dallas at the same time as the Section’s executive, education and scientific meetings. During the open session all fellowship nominees were asked to make a 15-minute presentation to the Fellows – the presentations were found to be both entertaining as well as educational.

By the end of 2011, the US Section increased the number of its Fellows from 87 to 103 and more than doubled the number of its Members from 740 to 1,767.

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Financial report.
ITI Association

In 2011, the organization experienced rapid and substantial membership growth, although annual fees also had to be increased for Members for the first time in the ITI’s history in order to contribute to the steadily expanding range of benefits offered to Members. These two factors led to a more than two-fold increase in overall revenues that came to well above CHF 2.5 million. The Association’s operating costs, a large portion of which include partial reimbursements to the ITI Foundation in return for its contribution to membership benefits and activities, reflect this membership growth and accordingly doubled to almost CHF 2.5 million. The overall operating profits of the ITI Association remained positive.

### ITI Association Financial Statement 2011

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1 Extract from the financial statements. Complete financial statements for 2011 are available at the domicile of the ITI Association.
ITI Foundation

2011 and 2012 have been designated years of heavy investment towards the fulfillment of the ITI’s Vision 2017 and its goal to become a leading provider of evidence-based education in implant dentistry. Expenditures for 2011 were therefore accordingly significantly higher than revenues.

As a non-World Symposium year, revenues from educational events were lower than in the previous year but not significantly so due to income from the national congresses, for whose organization the ITI took overall responsibility in 2011, as well as an increase in income from Education Weeks, which continued to gain momentum.

Expenditures were higher, despite lower expenses for individual items such as the University Programs that no longer require seed money to set up the individual Centers of Excellence and Research which came in just under budget.

“Global Education” expenditure, referring to items such as national congresses and other umbrella education projects, was lower than in the previous World Symposium year but still high due to the heavy financial investment in the national congresses. Given the strong financial support currently being received by the newly launched Study Club initiative, the reporting structure has been adapted to enhance transparency of costs and Study Clubs are therefore listed separately. In the previous year, Study Club costs were included under the Section & Membership budget. Section activities also increased in 2011, leading to a corresponding increase in expenditures of more than CHF 1 million.

As the ITI grew, along with its activities, the ITI Center also expanded to cope with additional organizational responsibilities. Marketing & Communication costs also came in higher, due in part to a global image campaign that ran in 2011. Costs for IT projects, which were negligible in 2010 and therefore reported as part of ITI Center, are now reported as a separate item for greater transparency. In 2011, the ITI invested significantly in upgrading the IT platform for administrative processes and services as well as expanding online membership services.
Overview of ITI Foundation Expenses in 2011

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¹ Extract from the financial statements. Complete financial statements for 2011 are available at the domicile of the ITI Foundation.
To the Board of Trustees of
ITI Foundation for the Promotion of Oral Implantology, Basel

Basel, March 30, 2012

Report of the statutory auditor
on the limited statutory examination

As statutory auditor, we have examined the financial statements (balance sheet, statement of operations and notes) of ITI Foundation for the Promotion of Oral Implantology for the year ended December 31, 2011.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the board of trustees. Our responsibility is to perform a limited statutory examination on these financial statements. We confirm that we meet the licensing and independence requirements as stipulated by Swiss law.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the Swiss Standard on the limited statutory examination. This standard requires that we plan and perform a limited statutory examination to identify material misstatements in the financial statements. A limited statutory examination consists primarily of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of company documents as considered necessary in the circumstances. However, the testing of operational processes and the internal control system, as well as inquiries and further testing procedures to detect fraud or other legal violations, are not within the scope of this examination.

Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law (Art. 662 CO) as well as with the deed of foundation.

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To the General Meeting of the Members of
ITI Association, Basel

Basel, March 30, 2012

Report of the statutory auditor
on the limited statutory examination

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Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law (Art. 957 CO) and the articles of association.

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