

Press Release:
Richard J. Miron and Guy Huynh-Ba win 2016 André
Schroeder Research Prize.

Two André Schroeder Research Prizes awarded by the ITI for the first time.

Basel, Switzerland, May 17, 2016 – The International Team for Implantology (ITI), a leading academic organization dedicated to the promotion of evidence-based education and research in the field of implant dentistry, awarded the 2016 André Schroeder Research Prize to Dr. Richard J. Miron and Dr. Guy Huynh-Ba. Dr. Miron, a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Department of Periodontology of the Nova Southeastern University in Florida, and Dr. Huynh-Ba, an Associate Professor at the Department of Periodontics of the University of Texas, were presented with the award by ITI President Prof. Dr. David Cochran during the ITI Congress North America in Chicago on April 30, 2016. Each prize winner also received 10,000 Swiss francs.

Dr. Miron was awarded the André Schroeder Prize for Preclinical Research for his study on the “Effect of the Enamel Matrix Derivative (EMD)-Liquid on Osteoblasts and Periodontal Ligament Cell Proliferation and Differentiation”. “Previous studies had revealed that the use of Emdogain with different bone grafting materials resulted in very different clinical outcomes”, commented Dr. Miron. “Considering these results, the only logical consequence for me and my co-authors Yufeng Zhang, Fatiha Chanda, Anton Sculean, Daniel Buser, and David Cochran was to investigate the reason for this clinical variability and develop an alternative solution.” The study resulted in the development of Osteogain, an optimized delivery system for enamel matrix proteins with optimal physico-chemical properties for bone grafting material adsorption. “Our study provides an excellent starting point for further investigation, for example, on the use of Osteogain with bone grafting materials for other bone augmentation procedures such as guided bone regeneration.”

The second award went to Dr. Huynh-Ba and his co-authors David J. Meister, Ashley B. Hoders, Brian L. Mealey, Michael P. Mills, Thomas W. Oates, David L. Cochran, Thomas J. Prihoda and C. Alex McMahan, who investigated “Esthetic, clinical and patient-centered outcomes of immediately placed implants (Type 1) and early placed implants (Type 2): preliminary 3-month results of an ongoing randomized controlled clinical trial”. “The results clearly indicate that there is little difference between the two techniques in terms of outcome”, commented Dr. Huynh-Ba. “We hope that our findings will be taken up and confirmed by other researchers so that practitioners realize that there are different, equally legitimate techniques to treat the same clinical situation.”

Dr. Miron holds a Bachelor degree in Medical Sciences and a Master’s degree in Cell Biology from the University of Western Ontario, Canada, as well as a PhD in Periodontology and Cell Biology from the University of Bern, Switzerland, and a doctoral degree in Dental Medicine from the University of Laval, Canada.

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Dr. Huynh-Ba completed his doctoral thesis at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, in 2000. He received his Certification in Periodontology from the Swiss Society of Periodontology (SSP) in 2007, followed by the Master of Advanced Studies in Periodontology, which he received from the University of Bern in 2008.

The two winners accepted their awards from ITI President David Cochran in front of over 1,000 congress participants. “We and our teams are delighted that the ITI Research Committee honored our studies with these prestigious awards”, said Dr. Miron and Dr. Huynh-Ba. “We will remember and cherish this success for a long time – it truly is a highlight in our careers.”

About the André Schroeder Research Prize

The André Schroeder Prize for Preclinical Research and the André Schroeder Research Prize for Clinical Research are awarded annually along with 10,000 Swiss francs for each prize winner. The André Schroeder Research Prize is one of the most prestigious awards in the field of implant dentistry and is awarded to independent researchers for advancing dental research and development. The aim is to promote new scientific findings in implant dentistry, oral tissue regeneration and related fields. The award was established more than 20 years ago and is presented in honor of the late Professor André Schroeder (1918-2004), the founding ITI President, who pioneered implant dentistry and whose lifework contributed significantly to modern dentistry.

The 2017 André Schroeder Research Prizes will be presented at the ITI World Symposium taking place in Basel, Switzerland, from May 4-6, 2017. Applications are being accepted until September 15, 2016. Further information is available on the ITI website at: <http://www.iti.org/Andre-Schroeder-Research-Prize>.

About the ITI

The International Team for Implantology (ITI) is an academic association that unites professionals around the world from every field of implant dentistry and related disciplines. It actively promotes networking and exchange among its membership of currently more than 16,000. ITI Fellows and Members regularly share their knowledge and expertise from research and clinical practice at meetings, courses and congresses with the objective of continuously improving treatment methods and outcomes to the benefit of their patients.

In 36 years, the ITI has built a reputation for scientific rigor combined with concern for the welfare of patients. The organization focuses on the development of well-documented treatment guidelines backed by extensive clinical testing and the compilation of long-term results. The ITI funds research as well as Scholarships for young clinicians organizes congresses and continuing education events and runs more than 600 Study Clubs around the globe. The organization also publishes reference books such as the ITI Treatment Guide series and operates the ITI Online Academy, a peer-reviewed, evidence-based e-learning platform with a unique user-centric approach. www.iti.org.



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