



Press Release: ITI appoints Dr. Friedrich Buck as new Executive Director.

Basel, October 14, 2008 – The International Team for Implantology (ITI), a leading academic organization dedicated to the promotion of evidence-based research and education in the field of implant dentistry, today announced the appointment of Dr. Friedrich Buck to the position of Executive Director of the ITI. He will be joining the organization on February 1, 2009.

Dr. Buck comes to the ITI from Ivoclar Vivadent AG, a leading international manufacturer of dental materials and equipment headquartered in Schaan, Liechtenstein. With a graduate degree and doctorate in dentistry from the University of Ulm, Germany, Dr. Buck began his career in general practice in 1991. He then joined Ivoclar Vivadent in 1993, where he rose to the position of Marketing Director Worldwide for clinical products in 2001.

In his new position as Executive Director of the ITI, Dr. Buck's main task will be to assure the smooth organization and administration of all ITI activities in order to support the implementation of the objectives, philosophy, policy and procedures of the ITI. He will also oversee the management of the ITI Center, the administrative headquarters of the ITI in Basel, Switzerland.

“During the last few years, the ITI has evolved to become a leading academic authority in the field of implant dentistry with its more than 6,000 members from over 90 countries,” said Professor Dr. Dr. Dieter Weingart, President of the ITI. “As a dentist by education, who brings a wealth of experience in marketing and business administration in a globally operating enterprise, Dr. Buck is an ideal choice for the position of Executive Director of the ITI. Additionally, his deep understanding of the field of dentistry and his excellent relationship to the scientific community will be very valuable for the future growth and success of our organization.”

Dr. Buck takes over from Rolf Hafner, who oversaw the ITI's administration for the past six years and left the organization at the end of August 2008. Professor Weingart commented: “On behalf of the ITI Board of Directors, I would like to thank Rolf Hafner for his vision, ideas and contribution which were instrumental in making the ITI what it is today. We wish him every success in his future endeavors.”

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About the ITI

The International Team for Implantology (ITI) unites professionals around the world from every field of implant dentistry and dental tissue regeneration. As an independent academic association, it actively promotes networking and exchange among its membership. ITI Fellows and Members, who now number more than 6,000 in total, regularly share their knowledge and expertise from research and clinical practice at meetings, courses and congresses with the objective of constantly improving treatment methods and outcomes to the benefit of their patients.

The ITI is active in three principal areas: research, development and education. In more than 28 years, the ITI has built a reputation for scientific rigor combined with concern for patients. The organization strongly supports the premise 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 also publishes reference books such as the ITI Treatment Guide series.
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