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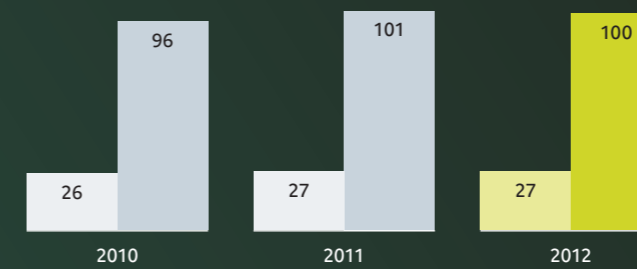
Facts & Figures 2012

Global

Since its foundation in 1980, the ITI has grown into a strong global organization and a leading authority in the field.

Global

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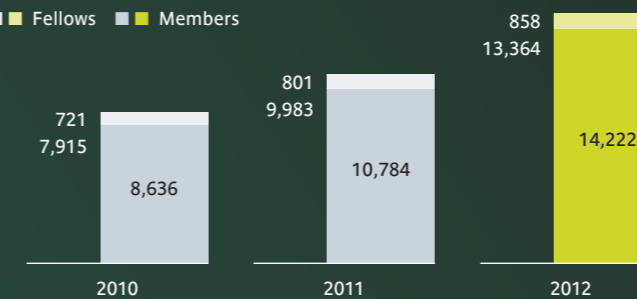


Fellows & Members

At the end of 2012, the ITI had 3,381 Members more and expanded its Fellow base to 858.

Fellows & Members

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Expenditure

The ITI continues to invest in education and research to a total of more than 25 million Swiss francs.

Expenditure

ITI Foundation and ITI Association
(in CHF 1,000)



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More than 30 years to the benefit of the field.

Back in 1980 when the ITI was formed, it was made up of 12 scientists from various disciplines whose thinking was characterized by unbounded curiosity in regard to the potential of implant dentistry.

Over the years, the group grew to around 50 members. Their aim was to promote the use of implants, and also to participate in their development and related education as well as building up a body of evidence-based knowledge.

In the early years, product development was of key interest and the ITI worked closely with Straumann, offering its results from clinical practice and individual experience. The ITI no longer consults in matters of product development. It does, however, maintain a close partnership with Straumann.

In 2003, the group opened its doors to all dental professionals with an interest in implant dentistry. Two categories of membership were defined: Fellows and Members. Dental professionals with an interest in implant dentistry could now register to become an ITI Member. ITI Fellows, however, are nominated and must demonstrate a high degree of commitment in education, research or leadership. ITI Fellows

sit on the organization's various bodies and are responsible for the ITI's strategic direction.

In the intervening more-than-30 years, the ITI has grown substantially – at the end of 2012, the ITI had 14,222 Members. From its initial focus on research, development and education, the ITI now concentrates on research funding and education. Since 1988 the ITI has been funding research projects and has to date contributed more than CHF 39 million to clinical studies that advance the field of implant dentistry. Each year, it also presents the André Schroeder Research Prize to independent researchers for work oriented to implant dentistry that advances dental research and development. In addition to the prestige associated with the award, it is accompanied by a cash endowment of CHF 20,000.

The largest proportion of the ITI's funds is allocated to educational activities. These are carried out primarily by the ITI's 27 regional and country Sections. The Sections represent

---> Benefits

"The ITI creates professional pathways that are rarely so openly available with other organizations. That's ultimately the overriding power of the ITI – to span distances and reduce existing limitations in order to further knowledge in implant dentistry and provide better outcomes for our patients."

Anthony Dickinson,
ITI Fellow & Board Member,
Australia

More information on the ITI:
www.iti.org

---> Benefits

"The ITI was introduced to me by close colleagues, who happened to be respected ITI Fellows. Being curious, I visited the ITI Education Week in Bern. It was impressive – so I applied for an ITI Scholarship, which once again brought me to Bern. Now, as a recent ITI Fellow, I have committed myself to gathering knowledge and passing it on to others in line with the ITI philosophy."

Ulrike Kuchler, ITI Fellow, Switzerland & ITI Scholar 2011/2012 in Bern, Switzerland

the local level of activities and include national congresses, Study Club meetings, as well as educational workshops and courses.

National congresses held every three years allow Sections to present a scientific program in the local language geared to the specific needs of the country. The Study Clubs, aimed at smaller groups, provide an opportunity to participate in a regular scientific program as well as to network on a local basis. There are currently 650 ITI Study Clubs around the world.

At the global level, the ITI regularly organizes a World Symposium that presents cutting-edge science delivered by key opinion leaders. 4,000 professionals participated in the last World Symposium in 2010 and it is widely regarded as the most important event in the international implant dentistry calendar.

In addition to organizing events, the ITI also provides valuable tools, such as the ITInet – the organization's online internal portal. It gives access to reference information such as documents, publications, and images, as well as an opportunity to participate in international forum discussions.

Among the publications produced by the ITI is the Treatment Guide series, now in its sixth volume and published in all nine of the ITI's core languages. The ITI has also published the SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry that is supplemented by the SAC Assessment Tool for risk assessment.

The impetus for all the above activities comes from the ITI's Board of Directors and six Committees and Core Groups – Research, Education, Scholarship, Study Club, University Programs and Section & Membership. Everyone offers their time and effort on a voluntary basis and they are supported in their work by ITI Headquarters in Basel – the organization's administrative center.

In 2012 the ITI increased its membership from 801 to 858 Fellows and 9,983 to 13,364 Members.

Vision 2017 goals at hand.

Once again, we experienced a year of strong growth, since more than 3,000 new Members joined the ITI in 2012 to give a total membership of 14,222 at the end of December. This is not only in line with the goals of the ITI's Vision 2017, but actually well ahead of schedule. We are now definitively the largest association in the field of implant dentistry on the globe. I am strongly convinced that the extraordinary growth rate over the last two years directly relates to the fact that, in terms of treatment recommendations, the ITI represents a safe haven to practitioners all over the world.

Our primary focus is on education and virtually all our activities, with the exception of the funding of research projects, are directed towards the goal to provide implant education through various channels.

Study Clubs

The project that has attracted the most attention in the past two years is our Study Club concept. When the Study Clubs were launched in 2010, we anticipated a good response but the reality far outstripped our expectations. The number of Study Clubs increased so quickly that in May last year it was felt necessary to call a halt to the establishment of additional Study Clubs. A decision was taken by the Board of Directors to cap the number of Study Clubs at 650 worldwide in order to allow time to handle the associated logistics and consolidate the existing clubs. Our plan now is to grow each Study Club to a minimum of 20 members, with a maximum of 30. This does not mean that new Study Clubs cannot be established at all, but new requests will be considered very carefully by the Study Club Core Group to make sure that any new Study Clubs are justified.

National congresses

Our second great success story is represented by the national congresses. In 2012, 10 ITI congresses were offered around the world that attracted more than 5,000 participants. It is the second year that the ITI has taken full responsibility for the organization of the congresses beyond the scientific program. Coordinated and handled by the ITI Headquarters Events Team, working together with the individual Section Leadership Team, these congresses have been increasingly characterized by a strong shared visual identity and smooth working practices

as the Organizing Committees in the various countries and the Events Team gathered experience. Near the end of the year, a decision was taken by the Board to reduce the frequency of national congresses and from 2015 – the year following the World Symposium in Geneva – our 27 Sections will each hold their national congress every three years on a rotating basis. Smaller Sections have been asked to participate in regional congresses.

Annual budget

Given the intensity and importance of the above two projects, the ITI invested significantly in their success over the last three years, which has had a knock-on effect on the organization's assets. The ITI Foundation's outgoings in previous years have amounted to more than CHF 21 million per year, while revenues came to only just over CHF 18 million. In terms of budgets for 2013, it is now a priority to rebuild a solid financial buffer. Accordingly we have made a number of adaptations on a temporary basis. The budget for research funding was reduced from CHF 2.5 million to CHF 2.2 and the number of ITI Scholars to be supported in 2013 was reduced from 25 to 20. As stated above, the number of ITI Study Clubs was similarly capped at 650. All these measures are temporary and in place only until our assets have recovered as a result of income from educational activities. Despite these necessary cost-cutting measures, we are continuing to look forwards and invest in the future. The Board has already defined the project to which it would like to devote its attention over the next four years: a new e-learning platform. Following the committee meetings in November, a working group has been established to define the strategy and scope of this e-learning platform



Professor Dr. Daniel Buser has been President of the ITI since 2009. His term of office ends in April 2013.



The ITI Board of Directors (from left): Gerhard Wahl (Germany), Stephen Chen (Australia), Hideaki Katsuyama (Japan), Beat Spalinger (Switzerland), Hans-Peter Weber (USA), David Cochran (USA), Daniel Buser (Switzerland), Frauke Müller (Switzerland), Gilbert Achermann (Switzerland), Thomas Taylor (USA), Luca Cordaro (Italy), Anthony Dickinson (Australia).

that is in line with the ITI's needs and standards of quality. The group is to report back in April 2013 and I am fairly confident that the Board will respond positively to their recommendations.

ITI Sections

The number of our Sections in 2012 remained steady at 27, but three of them expanded last year to include a neighboring country. In this way, Section Greece is now Section Greece & Cyprus, Section Sweden has combined forces with Norway to become Section Norway & Sweden and Section Turkey will now be known as Section Turkey & Azerbaijan.

ITI Annual Conference

The Scientific Seminar that traditionally accompanies the ITI Annual General Meeting last year opened its doors for the first time to a broader audience. In addition to ITI Fellows, ITI Members and non-affiliated practitioners were also allowed to attend the almost full-day conference for a modest fee. The event was greeted very positively and will continue to be held each year in the format of an ITI Annual Confer-

ence that is open to anyone who would like to attend.

Honorary Fellowship

At the Annual General Meeting last year, I had the pleasure of awarding an Honorary Fellowship to former ITI President Dieter Weingart. This is a privilege that is very carefully considered and awarded only to Fellows who have contributed significantly to the ITI and its development over many years. This is certainly true of Dieter, whose relationship with the ITI goes back more than 20 years and who has contributed not only through his work as ITI President from 2005 to 2009 that includes the important Vitznau meetings resulting in the Vision 2017, but also through his work on various committees and in the German Section over the years.

Forum Implantologicum

I would also like to thank Erik Hjørting-Hansen, a Fellow who has similarly contributed to the ITI in many ways over many years. His last office for the organization has been as Editor-in-Chief of the Forum Implantologicum. The ITI's journal produced its first issue in

November 2005, which started out as a slim magazine with great ambitions. Since then Erik has steered its development with a focus on providing a balance between current digested science and internal news and views. He hands over a publication that has matured and established itself with its readers to a worthy successor: Urs Belser, who is looking forward to guiding the journal for the coming four years. My thanks also go to Klaus Lang and Jim Ruskin who supported Erik Hjørting-Hansen as specialist Editors on the Forum Implantologicum with their expertise. They have stepped down from the Editorial Board after a term of office that lasted seven years.

ITI World Symposium

Looking ahead, in one year we will be holding the ITI World Symposium 2014 in Geneva. The decision to hold this event in Geneva again is due to synergies we have established with the conference center and its central location in Europe that serves as a springboard to many other capitals and countries in the region. Intense planning for this event began in 2012 and will continue throughout 2013. Given the success of the last World Symposium, we anticipate more than 5,000 participants, making it the largest implant dentistry event ever held. More important to us as an organization is to make it the best implant dentistry event ever. Our topic is "Knowledge is Key" and leading lecturers and key opinion leaders will corroborate this claim by calling on evidence-based findings.

ITI Headquarters

Anyone in regular contact with ITI Headquarters has probably noticed that at the end of 2012, the ITI Center moved to a new address a little closer to the main train station in Basel and at the

same time received a new name: ITI Headquarters. Our relationship to our commercial partner in whose offices the ITI Center was previously located remains the same. Both the ITI and Straumann are leaders in their field and we benefit mutually from the synergies that our long relationship has created. Our independence is important to us as it gives us the freedom to take decisions as we see fit in our sphere of activities that focus on evidence-based education in regard to treatment approaches. As an independent organization, the ITI will continue developing its role as the leading provider of implant education worldwide at the same time as striving towards becoming the role model for a partnership between an academic association and industry.

I have now come to the end of an exciting, tough, but also very fulfilling term of office as ITI President. It has been personally very satisfying to see how rapidly we have grown and developed as an organization. We have become a younger team with a more diverse composition. On our committees today, we have representatives from virtually all our Sections and many more women have an active say in the ITI's development. I feel we are very well aligned to meet the future and the challenges it holds for us. I will remain very closely involved with the ITI, albeit from the sidelines, and take pleasure in handing on my duties to David Cochran, a close longtime friend of mine, who will guide the organization for the next four years very well.

Professor Dr. Daniel Buser
ITI President

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

From strength to strength.

Stephen Chen, Chair of the ITI Education Core Group & Committee

A significant part of 2012 was devoted to preparations for the 5th ITI Consensus Conference – an important event for the implant dentistry community, given its long-term impact on clinical practice. Nominated authors of the review papers were selected and invited to a workshop run by UK specialist Professor Ian Needleman in May. The aim of the workshop was to standardize the methods for undertaking systematic reviews of the literature. Between May 2012 and January 2013, the authors

completed a comprehensive review of the literature in their nominated topics, and submitted the manuscripts to the International Journal for Oral and Maxillofacial Implants (JOMI) for peer review. Following acceptance, the manuscripts were sent on to the participants of the discussion groups. A total of 110 participants drawn from the ITI Sections around the world were selected and invited to attend the Consensus Conference. ITI Consensus Conferences take place every five years

and represent the distillation of the latest peer-reviewed literature that is used as a basis for defining recommendations for best clinical practice. The results of the 5th Consensus Conference are scheduled to be published in January 2014 in JOMI.

Planning for the upcoming ITI World Symposium in 2014 was also a priority in 2012. “Knowledge is Key” was selected as the umbrella theme and speakers from all over the world were invited to prepare presentations for the various sessions. Under discussion will be themes based on digital dentistry, prevention of complications, and the challenges and limitations in esthetics. As always, there will be simultaneous translation in more than 10 languages and an extensive accompanying industry exhibition. The Symposium is once again taking place in Geneva at the PALEXPO congress center, which handled the last Symposium very competently and is able to cope with very large numbers of visitors. Between 5,000 and 6,000 visitors are expected at the Symposium which is gearing up to be the largest implant dentistry event ever.

The organization and running of ITI national congresses by the Sections in cooperation with ITI Headquarters had its second year in 2012. Ten national congresses took place around the world with very satisfying results. It is clear that the Sections have worked diligently to control costs without sacrificing the quality of the scientific programs. Overall, more than 5,000 participants attended the national congresses in 2012. We have 14 congresses planned for 2013 and anticipate that with every year, our growing experience coupled with the dedication of the Section Leadership Teams will bring ever better

results. Held in the local language of the Section and tailored to a national agenda, these congresses represent an important tool for the Sections to meet the needs of their Members and to attract non-affiliated practitioners. From 2015 onwards, the national congresses will be organized once every three rather than every two years.

The ITInet has gone from strength to strength and continues to be expanded with valuable data and services. By the end of 2012, volumes 1 to 5 of the Treatment Guide series were uploaded for reference and the multilingual version of the online SAC Assessment Tool was also uploaded to both the public website and the ITInet, alongside the 9-language version of the app for the iPad. The version of the tool for Fellows and Members has the added option of a PDF of the risk assessment that can be exported to dental management software or to print. With the growing prominence of the ITInet as a key tool for promoting ITI activities, the addition of the global events calendar last year has made it much easier to follow events around the world. Users are able to call up local, national and international events and define parameters for the type of event that they may be interested in.

With education as the main thrust of the ITI’s activities, the subject of e-learning has long been under discussion. In November last year, the Board engaged an external specialist to collaborate with a working group to investigate the options and scope for an ITI e-learning platform that would meet the wide-ranging needs of the entire ITI membership. A decision will be taken on the findings of this group in April 2013.

ITI Education Core Group

Chair:

Stephen Chen, Australia

Frank Higginbottom, USA

Simon Storgård Jensen, Denmark

Johannes Kleinheinz, Germany

Waldemar Daudt Polido, Brazil

Charlotte Stillwell, UK

Alejandro Treviño Santos, Mexico

Paul van Zyl, South Africa

Nicola Zitzmann, Switzerland

Michael Homm, Switzerland

The local connection.

Luca Cordaro, Chair of the ITI Study Club Core Group & Committee

The number of ITI Study Clubs has grown exponentially since the Study Club concept was launched in 2010. Managing them is a task that took up the attention of the Study Club Core Group in 2012. Online reporting via the ITInet was launched at the end of 2011 for all the Study Clubs. This meant that Study Club Directors became responsible for entering all their events as they took place onto the ITInet. This enables Study Club Coordinators to put together figures for the entire Section and submit them to ITI Headquarters at the end of the year. However, the ITInet was not used systematically by all the Study Club Directors in 2012, which made it difficult to assess realistically just how many Study Clubs were active. The Study Club Coordinators have been closely involved in efforts to remedy this situation.

Rapid growth meant that by May, around 700 Study Clubs had been formed, leading the Board to take a decision to call a halt to the establishment of further new Study Clubs and consolidate existing Study Clubs according to defined criteria. The number of Study Clubs was capped at 650 and those Study Clubs that held no events or had not managed to attract any members were disbanded or merged with a nearby Study Club. Any requests to establish a new Study Club are now being very carefully considered in terms of geographical desirability and potential membership, among others, and this task is now the responsibility of the Study Club Core Group. Currently all Study Clubs are making efforts to bring the number of members up to a minimum of 20, although it is clear that in some remote areas this may not be possible. Over the past two years, the Study Clubs have received generous funding in order

to get the project off to a good start and build a solid foundation. They now need to achieve a critical mass of members. Given the popularity and the value of the Study Clubs, I am sure we will achieve this goal.

As the youngest committee, the Study Club Core Group is working at establishing universal guidelines. This is a complex undertaking as each Section presents a very different socio-economic and cultural profile, with differing expectations and customs. The diversity of the Core Group is a very positive factor in understanding issues that may arise. Similarly the dedication and involvement of ITI President Daniel Buser has also been very helpful and led to many very useful insights. We will continue to develop and manage the Study Clubs, offering our Fellows and Members the opportunity to share their knowledge and experience with colleagues locally.

ITI Study Club Core Group

Chair:

Luca Cordaro, Italy

Kivanç Akça, Turkey

Christopher Evans, Australia

Kerstin Fischer, Sweden

Paul Fugazzotto, USA

Hideaki Katsuyama, Japan

Karl Andreas Schlegel, Germany

Frank Hemm, Switzerland

Investing in research since 1988.

Thomas Taylor, Chair of the ITI Research Committee

The Research Committee received 79 applications for research funding in 2012, of which it accepted 24 and awarded funding of almost CHF 2.5 million. This funding was distributed to 21 institutions worldwide. The number of applications received rises each year, a trend observed over the last 9 years. The budget available, on the other hand, has dropped slightly to remain at CHF 2.5 million over the last four years. In order to balance the heavy investments made into

launching the Study Clubs and taking over the national congresses, the Research Committee has had its budget for funding reduced to CHF 2.2 million from 2013 onwards. This is seen as a temporary measure until the ITI's assets have been replenished.

Applications were received from 20 countries on almost every continent, with the most coming from Germany, followed by the Netherlands and the USA. The focus of research is over-

whelmingly on bone augmentation, metabolism and implants followed by studies into the implant tissue interface.

The ITI has been funding research into implant dentistry and related fields since 1988 and to date has supported more than 340 projects with over CHF 39 million. The Research Committee meets twice a year in order to evaluate applications. Applications are accepted from both Fellows and Members as well as non-affiliated professionals. Each application is reviewed 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

As competition for funding is intense, applicants give themselves the best chance of success by complying fully with the requirements and should carefully follow the ITI Research Grant Application Guidelines available on the ITI website.

The quality of research supported is important to the Committee and it is gratifying to note that projects funded by the ITI are regularly presented with awards. In 2012 the project "Five-year prospective clinical study of three retention systems for mandibular overdentures" run by Corina Cristache from Bucharest was awarded the EAO Research Prize 2012 for the best poster presentation. First place in the EAO Research Competition 2012 went to Patrik Schmidlin from Zurich for "Comparison of SLA® or SLActive® implants placed in the maxillary sinus

with or without synthetic bone graft materials – an animal study in sheep". First prize in the SSRD (Swiss Society of Reconstructive Dentistry) research award went to ITI Scholarship Committee Chair Frauke Müller from Geneva for her study "Impact on chewing efficiency, nutritional state and quality of life of locator supported overdentures in very old adults with mild cognitive impairment – an RCT on patient-centered outcomes."

André Schroeder Research Prize 2012

The recipient of the 17th André Schroeder Research Prize in 2012 was Dr. Cornelius von Wilmsky. The award took place during the ITI Congress Canada in Toronto in September 2012 and was presented by ITI President Daniel Buser. Dr. von Wilmsky and his co-authors Philipp Stockmann, Igor Harsch, Kerstin Amann, Philipp Metzler, Rainer Lutz, Tobias Moest, Friedrich Wilhelm Neukam, and Karl Andreas Schlegel investigated the effect of diabetes on peri-implant bone formation in an animal model of human bone repair and submitted a paper entitled "Diabetes mellitus negatively affects peri-implant bone formation in the diabetic domestic pig". A cash endowment of CHF 20,000 accompanies the André Schroeder Research Prize that was established in honor of ITI founding president and implant dentistry pioneer André Schroeder.

ITI Research Committee

Chair:

Thomas Taylor, USA

Mauricio Araujo, Brazil

Dieter Bosshardt, Switzerland

Jocelyne Feine, Canada

Christoph Hammerle, Switzerland

Lisa Heitz-Mayfield, Australia

Torsten Reichert, Germany

Hendrik Terheyden, Germany

Daniel Wismeijer, Netherlands

Christoph Appert, Switzerland

2012 Research applications and grants

Applications received	79
Applications accepted	24
Total grants*	2.472

*in CHF million

ITI UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

An established presence on the educational scene.

Hans-Peter Weber, Chair of the ITI University Programs Committee

It has been three years since the launch of the ITI University Programs and the Committee took the opportunity to hold a retreat in August 2012, just before the Annual General Meeting in London, to review the progress that had been made and define potential directions for the future.

Measuring the success of the ITI Education Weeks is something that cannot be done by numbers alone, although these are obviously also important. Participants are asked to fill out a survey after each Education Week and these show that the courses are well received and appreciated, regardless of the number of participants. Some locations draw more participants than others and the Committee is considering how a different course format may be beneficial in some Centers. This might be a longer-term course over several weekends. For Centers that typically sell out early on, the possibility of organizing a second course for a group is also being considered.

Along with the other Committees that undertook to make cuts to reduce the current financial burden on the ITI's assets, the University Programs Committee agreed to meet once a year only and see if an interim meeting could be held via Skype or telephone conference. An additional cost-cutting measure was the decision to no longer print a course brochure, and offer a flyer only. From now on course advertising will take place primarily online. New Centers are under discussion and the Board has approved one in Porto Alegre, Brazil to be run by ITI Fellow Waldemar Polido. This Center signals a departure from the pattern to date as the courses will be held in Brazilian-Portuguese and Spanish.

At the end of 2012, Niklaus Lang handed over the running of the Hong Kong Center to experienced lecturer and course organizer Nikos Mattheos. Professor Lang will, nevertheless, continue lecturing at the Education Week in Hong Kong.

Six of the seven Centers of Excellence have held regular Education Weeks since 2010 and the seventh at the University of Melbourne is awaiting completion of its Dental Clinic in order to open its doors, most likely in 2014. The premise on which all the Education Weeks are based is that continuing education should be neutral, offering programs that focus on treatment methods rather than product handling.

Finally I would like to thank Dean Morton, who served on the Committee since it was established in 2008 and left us after the Annual General Meeting to join the Section & Membership Core Group. Dean Morton was replaced by Nikitas Sykaras (Greece) whom I would like to welcome as a new member of the University Programs Committee.

ITI University Programs Committee

Chair:

Hans-Peter Weber, USA

Pedro Bullón, Spain

Nikolaos Donos, UK

Ingrid Grunert, Austria

Yong-Dae Kwon, Korea

Mario Rocuzzo, Italy

Nikitas Sykaras, Greece

Sandro Matter, Switzerland

Partner Institutions

- University of Bern, School of Dental Medicine, Bern, Switzerland
- Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Boston, USA
- University of Hong Kong, Prince Philip Dental Hospital, Hong Kong SAR, PR China
- University College London, Eastman Dental Institute & Hospital, London, UK
- Klinikum Stuttgart, Katharinen-hospital, Department for Oral, Maxillo and Facial Plastic Surgery, Center of Implant Dentistry, Stuttgart, Germany
- Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital/University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada
- University of Melbourne, Melbourne Dental School, Melbourne, Australia

ITI SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Individual mentoring and new experiences.

Frauke Müller, Chair of the ITI Scholarship Committee

In 2012, the ITI opened its online application portal for ITI Scholarships on June 1 rather than October 1 for the first time. The portal remained open for five weeks and attracted interest from almost 200 dental professionals, 104 of whom eventually submitted completed applications. This is more than twice as high as the number received 10 years ago. The highest number of applications this year came from India, followed by the US and Brazil. The ITI Scholarship year now officially begins on September 1 and runs until the end of August, in parallel with the academic year of the majority of countries that participated in the Bologna process.

Applicants are advised to read the requirements for each Scholarship Center carefully as many of the US Scholarship Centers and two German Centers have introduced a language requirement for non-mother-tongue speakers in the form of a language proficiency certificate. This is a legal requirement, in some states, and an administrative requirement set by certain universities.

We were very pleased to be able to add two new Scholarship Centers in 2012 at the University of Michigan run by William Giannobile and in London at Queen Mary University London run by Shakeel Shahdad. Both new Scholarship Centers welcomed their first Scholars in September 2012. There are now a total of 20 Scholarship Centers around the world: 11 in Europe, 8 in North America and 1 in Asia.

Following the considerable investment made by the ITI in launching the Study Clubs and taking over the full organization of the national congresses, the Board has taken a decision to make some cuts and consequently the number of Scholarships being offered has tem-

porarily been reduced from 25 to 20 each year.

The ITI Scholarship program has been running since 1998 and in this time has supported approximately 250 Scholars with Scholarships from 40 different countries. This represents a financial investment of more than CHF 14 million in the future of implant dentistry. There is always considerable competition for the Scholarship places and, with the reduction in the number of available Scholarships, the competition will be tougher. It is important that candidates read all the available material, including the FAQs, and then fill in the online form correctly.

The ITI Scholarship year represents a wonderful opportunity for young professionals to gain valuable experience not only in working abroad, but more importantly working under the guidance of an experienced ITI Fellow as mentor, within a team of specialists. Interdisciplinary cooperation is a given at all our Scholarship Centers and Scholars also normally have the opportunity to attend lectures, participate in research projects and ITI Section activities. This is a serious commitment on the part of the Scholarship Centers and demands the same level of commitment from each Scholar candidate.

ITI Scholarship Committee

Chair:

Frauke Müller, Switzerland

Gil Alcoforado, Portugal

Hervé Buatois, France

Bo Chen, China

German Gallucci, USA

Martha María Theodorou, Argentina

Alex Tsai, Taiwan

René Willi, Switzerland

ITI SECTION & MEMBERSHIP CORE GROUP AND COMMITTEE

Keeping information flowing.

Gerhard Wahl, Chair of the ITI Section & Membership Core Group and Committee

The Section & Membership Core Group has two major tasks: supporting the Sections in the budget process and overseeing the Fellow nomination process. Although there are detailed guidelines on how to budget Section activities, it is not possible for these to cover all the individual cultural and local aspects of each Section. Understanding these cultural differences and finding solutions that meet the Section halfway is one of the Core Group's tasks. The fact that the Core Group is

made up of diverse nationalities is very helpful to this process.

ITI guidelines clearly state that ITI funds are to be spent on its Fellows and Members but each Section organizes activities not only for its existing Members but also to attract new Members. We try to walk a careful line whereby activities for Fellows and Members are combined with open, ITI-sponsored activities that non-Members may also attend. This issue was discussed during

the Leadership Team Day in London before the Annual General Meeting and we hope there is now a better understanding of the limitations placed on our activities as a foundation by Swiss law. It is important to allocate funds to leadership meetings and also to Member meetings. The reason for the latter is to create a line of communication between the membership and Leadership Team in each Section, so that the needs and wishes of the Sections can be passed up to the Core Group. To a certain extent this already takes place, at Study Club meetings among others, and it is certainly an advantage that there are representatives of virtually every Section sitting on the various Committees. The Core Group sees it as its job to gather ideas and suggestions from the Sections on how the organization can offer its membership more and how the accompanying administrative work can be handled most efficiently. As the Sections become larger, not everything can be handled by ITI Headquarters, which is why the work of the Section Administrators is so valuable.

Fellow nomination is the other area that takes up a significant proportion of the Core Group's time. Fellows represent the heart of our organization in that they contribute their time and expertise towards maintaining and developing the ITI further. The considerable responsibility carried by the nominators in the Fellow nomination process has not been fully appreciated in the past. We have accordingly adapted the process to make it less complex while at the same time ensuring that the necessary information for evaluation of the nomination is delivered. The new CV template facilitates this process as it is the only document that is submitted by the nominee along with the nomi-

nator's letters and those of the two supporters. Given that the process has been streamlined, it has become even more important that nominators discuss potential nominations with the Section Leadership Team and gain their approval. It is important for Sections to have a solid core of Fellows who should not represent more than 15 percent of the total Section membership, although this figure is often higher with young Sections that are just starting up.

Increasing membership figures is also part of our brief but the recent expansion of Study Clubs throughout the organization has made it unnecessary to undertake additional activities. We have, however, many Members who are not part of a Section and it is important to integrate them in our community even if they cannot attend regular Study Club meetings or other local meetings. The ITInet plays an important role here and has been taken up with enthusiasm, especially by Members in more remote locations.

The Core Group recently set up a system in which each Core Group member is assigned to a number of Sections by geography, nationality, experience of different cultures and knowledge of languages. This arrangement is relatively new but we have already received some queries from Sections. We will continue fine-tuning our approach, looking at the needs of the individual Sections and keeping the flow of information moving between all parts of the organization.

We would like to thank Jay Beagle, who left the Core Group in 2012, for his considerable contribution over the years since the Core Group was established.

ITI Section & Membership Core Group

Chair:

Gerhard Wahl, Germany

Merete Aaboe, Denmark

Stephen Barter, UK

Juan Blanco Carrión, Spain

Anthony Dickinson, Australia

Georges Gebran, Lebanon

Dean Morton, USA

Wolfgang Becker, Germany

NEW FELLOWS

The work of the ITI
is carried out
on a voluntary basis
by the organization's Fellows,
who are driven
by a strong sense
of dedication.

In 2012, the ITI Board of Directors approved the nomination of 72 Fellows from 21 countries who meet the ITI's requirements. The ITI welcomes all the new Fellows to its global community.

- A** Abduljabbar Tariq, Saudi Arabia / Al Turkistani Emtiyaz, Saudi Arabia / Al-Almaie Saad, Saudi Arabia / Alsayed Arwa, Saudi Arabia / Alsubait Abeer, Saudi Arabia / Altwaim Abdulrahman, Saudi Arabia / Antonik Mikhail, Russia
- B** Baker Richard, United States / Barrak Fadi, United Kingdom / Braut Vedrana, Croatia / Burns Colin, United Kingdom / Byrne Ashley, United Kingdom
- C** Callis Shayne, Australia / Calzavara Dino, Spain / Cavusoglu Yeliz, Switzerland / Cehreli Murat, Turkey / Chermol Stephen, United States / Cho John, Australia
- D** Dragisic Dejan, United Kingdom / Drew David, Australia
- E** El Chaar Edgard, United States / Ergin Ugur, Turkey / Erpardo Yuksel, United States
- F** Freilich Marshall, Canada
- G** Georgiev Tihomir, Bulgaria / Grötz Knut, Germany / Gruber Reinhard, Switzerland
- H** Hara Toshihiro, Japan / Hentschel Andreas, Germany / Hernandez Martinez Francisco, Mexico / Hicklin Stefan, Switzerland
- I** Iacono Vincent, United States
- J** Jan Anas, Saudi Arabia / Joda Tim, Switzerland / Jones Todd, Canada
- K** Kaku Toshio, Japan / Kann Janice, Australia / Kao Richard, United States / Kapos Theodoros, United States / Kiven Victor, Australia / Kuchler Ulrike, Switzerland / Kulak Özkan Yasemin, Turkey / Kumar Vinay, India
- L** Lim Chong, United Kingdom / Loddo Alberto, Argentina
- M** Machuca Guillermo, Spain / Malament Kenneth, United States / Mamalis Anastasios, Greece / Mattheos Nikos, Australia
- N** Nakajima Kazutoshi, Japan / Nasseh Ibrahim, Lebanon / Nelson David, United Kingdom / Nesterov Oleg, Russia
- O** O'Sullivan Dominic, United Kingdom / O'Sullivan Eoin, United Kingdom / Olsen-Bergem Heming, Norway / Ozawa-Meida Jose Luis, Mexico
- P** Papageorgakopoulos Georgios, United Kingdom / Patras Michael, Greece / Politis Rodolphos, Lebanon
- R** Ratcliff Steve, United States
- S** Salem Khaled, Saudi Arabia / Schimmel Martin, Switzerland / Serrano Carlos, Colombia / Soejima Yoshiki, Japan
- V** Valderrama Pilar, United States / Voronov Igor, Russia
- W** Wali Othman, Saudi Arabia / Walter Clemens, Switzerland / Weiss Eric, United States
- Y** Yap Alan, Australia
- Z** Zembic Anja, Switzerland

HONORARY FELLOWS

Honorary Fellowship in 2012.

Since the ITI was founded in 1980, it has developed in leaps and bounds thanks to the active support of its Fellows. Being able to reward these exemplary Fellows is a pleasure that the Board allows itself once each year by presenting them with an Honorary Fellowship.

In 2012, the 11 Honorary Fellows were joined by former ITI President Dieter Weingart, whose association with the ITI goes back a long way. He became a Fellow in 1992 and witnessed the development and growth of our organization, while contributing to it actively.

In 1992, Dieter Weingart was the first recipient of the prestigious André Schroeder Research Prize. He served on the ITI Development Committee for a number of years, before moving to the Education Committee and Core Group. A member of the ITI Board and Chair of the then largest Section worldwide from 1997 onwards, Dieter Weingart introduced annual Section meetings in Germany in 1999 and was also active in organizing the Section's national congresses.

Most importantly, in 2005 during the World Symposium and Annual General Meeting in Munich, he became the ITI's fifth President and in the years that followed he guided the organization through a re-evaluation of the ITI's

direction and goals during the discussions held as part of the ITI Strategy meeting in Vitznau in 2007.

The result was the ITI Vision 2017 that defined the aims and objectives of the organization for the following decade. Dieter Weingart also played an important role in the intricate negotiations between the ITI and our commercial partner Straumann towards a new contract. In 2009 he handed over the Presidency to Daniel Buser.

The ITI is proud to show its gratitude by presenting him with an Honorary Fellowship.

ITI Honorary Fellows

- Erik Hjørtting-Hansen
- Gisbert Krekeler †
- Niklaus Lang
- Robert Schenk †
- Wilfried Schilli
- Yoshikazu Soejima †
- Samuel Steinemann
- Thomas Straumann
- Franz Sutter
- Christiaan ten Bruggenkate
- Dieter Weingart
- Walter Widmer



Daniel Buser congratulates Honorary Fellow Dieter Weingart.

Your ITI: How the ITI meets its Members' needs.

One of the factors that differentiates the ITI from other, similar organizations in the implant dentistry field is the broad range of benefits available to its Members from which they can pick and choose. These benefits all directly support the ITI's mission "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". They are available in various forms, media and channels to be utilized by each Member, however he or she finds most useful.

-----> ITInet

"Using the ITInet, I can say that I learn something new every day and feel comfortable sharing my knowledge and experience with other ITI Members and Fellows. Visiting the ITInet is a must during my working hours. Surprisingly it also frequently occupies my time during week-ends and holidays."

Zoran Stajčić, ITI Fellow, Serbia

-----> ITInet

"I have been lucky enough to use the ITInet from the very early stages of its development and am a frequent user. It is fantastic for seeking knowledge, publications from the ITI and contacting colleagues. The best aspect for me is the forum which allows me to discuss difficult and challenging cases."

Colin Campbell, Communications Officer, UK & Ireland

ITINET

The ITInet is the ITI's online portal and a tool that is highly valued by the membership. The ITInet is a very broad-based knowledge resource and virtual meeting place that is accessible exclusively to ITI Fellows and Members. The 'My ITI' tab is where personal details are stored for each Member. My ITI offers a private space to support networking at the individual level with a selected group of contacts. It is also one of the places where Members can decide which of the global forum discussions to sign up for. These discussions offer a means of tapping the experience and expertise of the ITI's membership worldwide. If you have a problem or query, someone, somewhere is likely to have a viable solution. As well as the global forum, each Section has its own space in which cases, questions and queries can be discussed in the local language, and Study Clubs, too, have their own space so that discussions can be continued beyond meetings.

In addition to a virtual meeting space and excellent networking opportunities, the ITInet plays a vital role as a repository and valuable source of knowledge. The ITI Document

Library is open to all ITI Members and contains a wealth of information. Users can consult the first five volumes of the ITI Treatment Guide in their entirety, browsing online page by page or chapter by chapter. Other ITI publications such as every issue of the Forum Implantologicum journal and the SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry are also available here, as are the proceedings of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Consensus Conferences and regular literature updates.

ITI-approved Speakers also have their own tab on the ITInet, giving them access to Speaker Tools that include an image library, graphics and standard presentations as well as to the Speaker Library. The latter offers close to 100 reference modules in 10 subject areas organized by focused questions, which are supplemented by three external reference sources: PubMed, Cochrane and Google Scholar. The library provides Speakers with an excellent basis from which to begin preparing their own presentations.

The SAC Assessment Tool can be found on the ITI's public website in any of the ITI's nine core languages (Brazilian-Portuguese, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese,

--> National Congresses

"In spite of the increasing number of international events, national congresses still play an important role by offering top-class implant education locally. We often forget that the majority of dentists prefer to have continuing education at the national level and in their native language. The success of the last ITI Congress Finland with over 300 participants clearly testified to that."

Juhani Laine, ITI Education Delegate, Finland

--> National Congresses

"The ITI National Congresses are globally recognized as top class scientific events at a venue 'near you'. With their signature blend of national and international speakers they debate the latest in implant dentistry at a local level. And then they are an excellent opportunity to relax away from everyday working life, meet new and catch up with old ITI friends."

Charlotte Stilwell, ITI Education Delegate, UK & Ireland

ITI NATIONAL AND REGIONAL CONGRESSES

Anyone may attend the ITI World Symposium, but ITI Fellows and Members benefit from a preferential discount on the entry fee to this three-day educational meeting. The same reduced entry fees apply to the ITI's national and regional congresses. These are held by the ITI's 27 national and regional Sections on a rotating basis every three years, so that up to 10 congresses take place in various locations around the world each year. Held in the local language, these events make it possible for each Section to shape the congress content according to a national focus and concerns as required. Along with the local faculty, normally each congress also invites one or two international

guest speakers. The ITI's national and regional congresses follow the same model as the World Symposium by also offering an industry exhibition that gives participants access to new developments in technology and products.

ITI STUDY CLUBS

Arguably the most popular form of educational meeting, over the last two years the number of ITI Study Clubs has rapidly increased around the world and currently stands at 650. Participation in ITI Study Clubs is one of the ITI's membership benefits although non-Members may attend up to two meetings before deciding whether or not to join the ITI. Each Study Club holds three or four meetings a

year and their informal set-up allows Members to share their knowledge, experience and concerns more readily. Meetings have a strong educational component with presentations made by a Member or external speaker. They also make it possible for Members to bring specific questions and cases for general discussion. Above all, the Study Clubs represent an excellent networking tool to broaden each Member's contacts on a local basis.

ITI EDUCATION WEEKS

The ITI has long had close relationships with many academic institutions around the world, and the ITI Education Weeks were established in 2009 as the formal expression of this relationship with seven institutions around the

Spanish, Turkish) and it offers visitors the possibility to carry out a risk assessment online. An extended version of this tool is also located on the ITInet that allows users to save their risk assessment as a PDF.

ITI WORLD SYMPOSIUM

The ITI, however, provides far more than a virtual offering; as a leading provider of continuing education in the implant dentistry field, the ITI organizes a broad range of events from Section meetings to international Education Weeks. Probably the best known meeting is the ITI World Symposium that is held every three to four years. This is the ITI's flagship event that brings together the cream of the world's faculty to share the most recent findings and developments. It is the major event in the inter-

national implant dentistry calendar and an opportunity to come into direct contact with key opinion leaders. Based on its approach of providing theory and practice in both prosthodontics and surgical topics as well as addressing the associated interfaces between disciplines and responsibilities, the ITI World Symposium has enjoyed ongoing success since it was first held in 1988 in Basel. It has grown from just over 400 participants to 4,000 at the last Symposium held in Geneva in 2010. The next one will also be held in Geneva in 2014 and is set to draw more than 5,000 participants. The outstanding level of education is the major attraction, but the event also promises an excellent opportunity for networking and communicating directly with key opinion leaders. The accompanying industry exhibition allows participants to see and experience some of the latest products in the field.

----> ITI Study Clubs

"Not only are Study Clubs valuable for their networking possibilities but also because they allow discussion of issues, cases and personal experience in a friendly atmosphere of trust. Another aspect is the specialist lectures whose subject matter meets the members' needs, which means that the program can be put together according to the interests of the members."

Robert Nieberler, ITI Fellow & Study Club Director, Germany

----> ITI Study Clubs

"The format of the Study Club meetings allows space for free discussion, which is something that our dental community in Colombia was missing before. This discussion obliges dentists who make statements to look for scientific support for their claims so the academic standard of our group is also on the rise."

Juan Carlos Navarro González, ITI Fellow & Study Club Director, Colombia

→ ITI Treatment Guides

“With the Treatment Guides, I find the combination of a written description accompanied by rich illustrations particularly effective in helping me to take decisions in regard to loading protocols. Using the clearly explained terminology and essential principles, I integrate them into my own knowledge for use with the protocols.”

Takeshi Toyoshima, ITI Member, Japan

→ ITI Education Weeks

“ITI Education Weeks are an excellent opportunity to improve your knowledge in implant dentistry and earn continuing education credits. All the courses I have attended so far offered high quality continuing education and I have got to know many interesting people.”

Elian Raphael, ITI Fellow, UAE

→ ITI Scholarship

“An ITI Scholarship year is really an investment in the future. It builds a solid foundation that can help in both private practice and a university environment. In my case, the year encouraged me to continue not only with more advanced implant surgeries but also with research activity as well as teaching in a university environment.”

Chrysostomos Mystikos, ITI Member, Greece & ITI Scholar 2010/2011 in Malmö, Sweden

world: University of Bern, Switzerland; Harvard School of Dental Medicine, USA; University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong; University College London, UK; University of Melbourne, Australia; Katharinen-hospital Stuttgart, Germany; and Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital/University of Toronto, Canada. An eighth center has been approved in Porto Alegre, Brazil that will soon be offering continuing education courses in Portuguese and Spanish for practitioners in South America and beyond. The Education Weeks respond to an identified need for targeted, neutral education in implant dentistry from an unbiased source with extensive and solid experience in the field of education. The Education Weeks each last between four and seven days and provide an intensive experience comprising traditional lectures, observation of live treatment and hands-on work. Each Education Week favors a slightly different emphasis in

terms of content, depending on the lecturers involved. Preferential rates for Fellows and Members are similarly available.

GLOBAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Finding out what is going on where is easy. The new online global events calendar is a listing of all the ITI events going on around the world. From ITI national and regional congresses through ITI Education Weeks to ITI Study Clubs, the global events calendar helps Members plan their educational year efficiently. Using the parameters available to limit searches, users can hunt visually by map or by date.

MEETING MEMBERS' NEEDS

The ITI is changing and growing rapidly. And this growth reflects favorably on the ITI's decision

to focus on providing practitioners with access to education through various channels. Key publications, such as the Treatment Guide series are now available in nine core languages, as is the biannual Forum Implantologicum journal. Each Fellow and Member will make use of different services and tools, depending on his or her specific needs. Those in remote areas are likely to take greater advantage of online offerings, while those in a Section are able to attend meetings locally and nationally. In a market that expands with new educational products of varying standards every day, the ITI will continue to reflect on how best to meet its Members' needs, providing tools of a high standard to support clinicians in their daily work.

ITI Sections.

Section Argentina & Uruguay

2012 was a very active year for the regional Section. It worked on strengthening various activities and developing additional activities to consolidate its membership and attract new Members.

One of the main goals in 2012 was to develop the Study Clubs further. Two new Study Clubs were created, bringing the total to 12 (10 in Argentina and two in Uruguay), and more than 40 Study Club meetings took place between March and December. These Study Clubs had a great impact on the dental implant community. In Uruguay, for example, a lot of Members were gained through this concept.

In March, the activities started in Buenos Aires with a two-day meeting that included a leadership meeting, Study Club Director meeting and a “coaching and leadership” training course for Fellows and Study Club Directors. This was a great opportunity to share ideas and strategies for the rest of the year.

The Section also organized four educational days in Rosario, Mendoza, Córdoba and Montevideo, an ITI-sponsored event in Neuquén together with the Argentinean Society of Periodontology and ended the year with a Section meeting and annual Fellow meeting in Buenos Aires. At this last event, each member of the Leadership Team communicated highlights from the Annual General Meeting in London so the Members were kept up to date on the latest ITI news and developments.

Throughout the year, the Section continued with the organization of its 2nd ITI national congress which will be held in June 2013. 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 share the agenda with local speakers.

At the end of 2012, the Section achieved its objective of more than 20 percent growth: the number of Fellows remained steady at 18, while the number of Members rose from 225 to 285.

Section Australasia

2012 has been a very busy year for the Australasian Section with a full and successful education program, the Biennial Conference and the ITI Education Day.

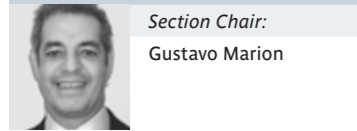
The Section organized 16 evening seminars and two hands-on courses, covering a wide range of implant-related topics. These evening seminars and courses have always enjoyed good attendance by Members seeking implant education and have fostered social interaction between Members. Three ITI Education Evenings were initiated in regional areas in Caloundra, Bendigo and Newcastle. This series of “Introduction to the ITI” programs offers an educational program as well as information regarding the ITI, and was open to all interested dentists. The programs were well attended and more education evenings are planned for 2013.

The Biennial Conference took place in chilly Canberra in July and was very well attended. The guest speaker, Bjarni Pjetursson from Iceland, supported by other local speakers, delivered the theme of the meeting, “The Seven Steps to Success”. A Study Club Coordinator meeting and a Fellow meeting were held preceding the conference. During the Fellow meeting, five new Fellows were welcomed to the Section. A Speaker Development Day was held after the Section meeting.

In October the “ITI Education Day” was held in Adelaide, featuring some of the Section’s leading local speakers, who provided an update on the latest trends in implant dentistry.

The Section Leadership Team remained unchanged with Lisa Heitz-Mayfield as the Section Chair. The Section experienced strong growth on the back of its full program of activities. At the end of 2012, the Section increased the number of its Fellows from 33 to 38 and its Members from 727 to 777.

Section Officers



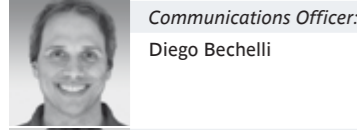
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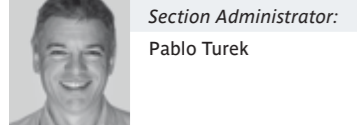
Education Delegate:
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Study Club Coordinator:
Santiago Caram

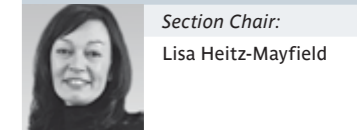


Communications Officer:
Diego Bechelli



Section Administrator:
Pablo Turek

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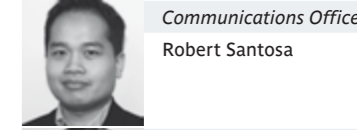
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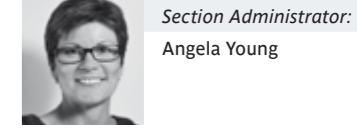
Education Delegate:
Anthony Dawson



Study Club Coordinator:
Christopher Evans



Communications Officer:
Robert Santosa



Section Administrator:
Angela Young

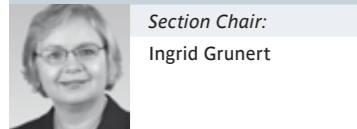
Section Austria

In 2012 the Section focused on preparing for the first ITI national congress in Austria entitled “Hot spots in implant dentistry” that is to take place in Salzburg in June 2013. In addition to Austrian speakers, guest speakers from Germany and Sweden will also attend.

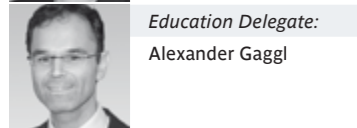
The Section has five Study Clubs spread throughout the country that held a total of 12 meetings in 2012. Based on its Study Club activities, the Section was able to attract new Members to the Section, resulting in almost 30 percent membership growth, by far exceeding the Section’s original goal of 10 percent growth. The Section’s annual meeting was held in Vienna in October and included a number of interesting lectures delivered by Education Delegate Alexander Gaggl along with valuable tips from Communications Officer Sascha Virnik.

At the end of the year, the Section had 14 Fellows, while the number of Members increased from 68 to 92.

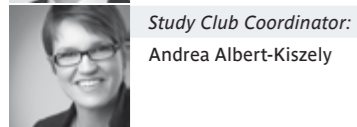
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Section Chair:
Ingrid Grunert



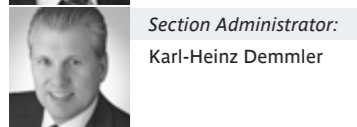
Education Delegate:
Alexander Gaggl



Study Club Coordinator:
Andrea Albert-Kiszely



Communications Officer:
Sascha Virnik



Section Administrator:
Karl-Heinz Demmler

Section Belgium

At the end of 2012, the ITI Section Belgium was able to look back on a busy year. Belgium now has six Study Clubs, with a mix that covers both national languages. These Study Clubs had a very diverse program. In 2012 they covered the following themes: Joke Duyck talked about “Implant dentistry for elderly people” and at a second theme night, Tommie Van de Velde together with France Lambert tackled the question “Short implants versus bone grafting”.

In collaboration with Leuven University, and initiated by Ignace Naert, Bjarni Pjetursson gave an interesting lecture on “Implant placement in the esthetic zone: Is evidence-based treatment planning in prosthetic dentistry realistic or only an illusion?”

The Study Clubs are, however, held back by the special rules for accreditation in Belgium, which do not allow accreditation for ITI meetings. This is an important issue and the Leadership Team is seeking a solution.

The Section engaged two excellent speakers for the annual Section meeting in October. Boris Jackubovics and Amelie Mainjot elaborated on a common theme: “How to prevent and deal with prosthetic failures on dental implants”. Dr. Jackubovics gave a clear overview of the problem in regard to how and why screws may break, and Dr. Mainjot gave extensive information on her experience with full ceramic restorations.

There was a good-sized Belgian delegation at the ITI Annual General Meeting in London and the program for the different disciplines was inspiring for the Section’s future activities. Also, the Section’s compliments go to the organizing committee for the very pleasant evening activities. The treasure hunt through London was a fine experience for everyone.

At the end of 2012, the Section Belgium had 9 Fellows and 104 Members.

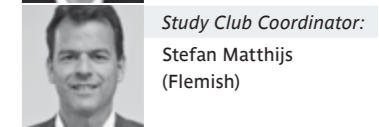
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Section Chair:
Geert Orbie



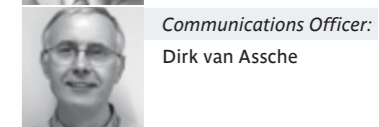
Education Delegate:
Didier Blase



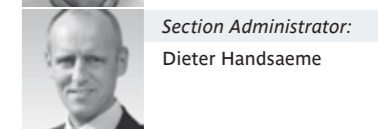
Study Club Coordinator:
Stefan Matthijs
(Flemish)



Didier Eycken
(French)



Communications Officer:
Dirk van Assche



Section Administrator:
Dieter Handsaeme

Section Brazil

In 2012 the Section focused on building up the Section – the main instruments for this were the national congress in September and also the Study Clubs.

A total of 72 Study Club meetings were held by the 27 Study Clubs throughout the year. Organizing and running the Study Clubs has been a challenge but the Study Club Directors – supported by the Study Club Coordinator – are doing well and the Study Clubs are clearly appreciated by the members.

Attended by almost 400 participants, the majority of whom are in private practice, the national congress in Campinas entitled “Evolution & Predictability” was a great success. International speakers Anthony Dickinson (Australia), German Gallucci (USA) and Simon Storgård Jensen (Denmark) joined the excellent team of national speakers.

The Section also held two regional meetings.

At the end of 2012, the Section had grown by 86 percent – making it the ITI’s fastest growing Section –, with 31 Fellows and an increase in Members from 325 to 635.

Section Officers



Section Chair:
Mauricio Araujo



Education Delegate:
Wagner Duarte



Study Club Coordinator:
João Garcez-Filho



Communications Officer:
Mauro Tosta



Section Administrator:
Marcelo Tancredo

Section Canada

The Section Leadership Team devoted its efforts in 2012 to growing the Section, primarily by promoting the national congress held in September, and increasing the number of Study Clubs and meetings. By the end of the year, the Section had established 36 active Study Clubs.

The 13,000th Member of the ITI was inducted during registration for the congress in Toronto with keynote speakers Daniel Buser and Urs Belser. The event drew almost 250 professionals and also provided the setting for the presentation of the André Schroeder Research Prize 2012 that went to Cornelius von Wilmowsky from Germany. The congress also reserved time to train Fellows and Members on how to make best use of the ITInet. For the first time during an ITI national congress, the ITInet global forum was used live to post questions for speakers during the congress.

Among the other events held during the year was the ITI Education Week in Toronto as well as a Section meeting at which the focus was the North American ITI congress coming up in April 2013 in Chicago. The Communications Officer – Majd Al Mardini – was elected for a four-year term of office.

By the end of the year, the Section experienced 50 percent growth with 34 Fellows and an increase in Members from 387 to 594.

Section Officers



Section Chair:
Timothy W. Head



Education Delegate:
Robert Carmichael



Study Club Coordinator:
William Abbott



Communications Officer:
Majd Al Mardini



Section Administrator:
Alain Laroche

Section China

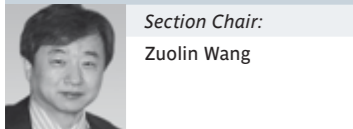
The activities of the Section this year focused on two areas – ITI membership and Study Clubs – and will continue to do so in the coming years. Despite the rapid progress and development made by China in the last decade, there is still a lot to do. The system of academic membership is quite new in China. Many people in the dental field are not fully aware of the meaning of membership, its benefits and the responsibility of paying a membership fee.

Two leadership meetings were held in 2012 analyzing the issues and exploring possible solutions. With the continued prosperity of implant dentistry that started in the last five years, enhanced training and education, the development of the ITI in China looks promising.

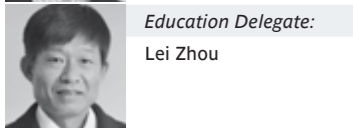
The number of Study Clubs at the end of the year did not change – 13 – and consolidation of ITI Study Clubs in local areas was a major task in 2012. A speaker training program was held twice this year. The 4th ITI national congress in Shanghai is coming up in August 2013 and preparations for the event were underway in 2012.

At the end of 2012, the Section had 16 Fellows and 151 Members.

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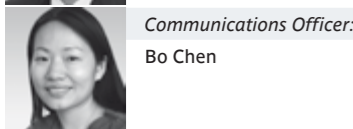
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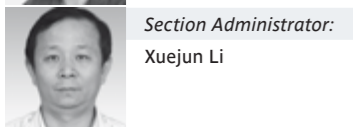
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Study Club Coordinator:
Yucheng Su



Communications Officer:
Bo Chen



Section Administrator:
Xuejun Li

Section Denmark

Most of the efforts of the Danish Section during 2012 went into supporting and consolidating the ITI Study Club activity. During the year, 10 Study Clubs – with a good geographic distribution around the country – hosted 30 Study Club meetings. The topics presented by national speakers ranged from immediate implant installation and complications during implant therapy and how to avoid them, to medications relevant to implant dentistry, sinus lift procedures, and differential diagnosis from an ENT perspective.

Some of the Study Clubs joined forces for a couple of events, and this allowed international speakers to lecture in both the eastern and western part of Denmark. For example, Ali Tahmaseb gave a lecture on “Planning and surgical implant placement using computer-generated guides and navigation equipment. How far are we from daily clinical practice?”, while Paul Fugazzotto talked about “Diagnosis, treatment-planning and case workup & Immediate implant therapy in anterior and posterior areas”. Nevertheless, in order to optimize the number of members in each Study Club, it was decided to reduce the total number of Study Clubs in Denmark from 10 to eight.

To communicate the Study Club activity to a wider audience beyond the ITI community, the Section produced its own press release presenting the ITI in brief and the Study Club concept in particular. This one-page article was published in the Danish Dental Journal (Tandlægebladet), which is the official journal of the Danish Dental Association and is distributed free of charge to the association’s 3,200 members (out of around 4,000 practicing dentists in Denmark).

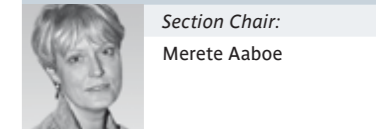
Additional educational activities included a Section meeting in spring, where Irena Sailer talked about “Selection of abutments and crowns for predictable esthetic outcome” and Charlotte Stilwell presented the UK & Ireland experience of establishing a structured training program in implant dentistry. An evening meeting was held in autumn, where Frank Higginbottom gave a talk on “Digital impressions and CAD/CAM restorations”.

Finally, the Section planned the 4th ITI Congress Denmark to be held on April 19, 2013, entitled “Implant treatment in the periodontally compromised patient: periodontal, prosthetic and surgical challenges”, featuring both national and international speakers.

From an organizational point of view, the Section held one Study Club Director, one Fellow, and three leadership meetings.

At the end of 2012, the Section had 13 Fellows and 252 Members.

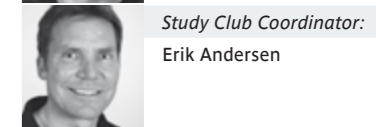
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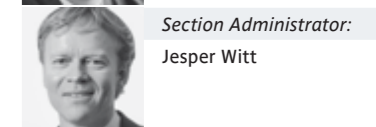
Education Delegate:
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Study Club Coordinator:
Erik Andersen



Communications Officer:
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Section Finland

“When surgery meets prosthetics” was the theme of the ITI Congress Finland that took place in Helsinki in September. More than 300 participants registered for the two-day congress.

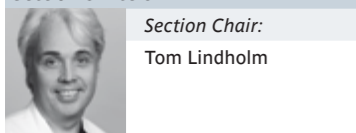
The main event was a full-day course given by Ronald Jung, but the parallel sessions for dental technicians and assisting personnel were also greatly appreciated.

The Study Clubs in Helsinki, Turku and Vaasa have managed to establish themselves on the education scene in Finland and are considered to be “VIP” clubs.

Mikko Rantala was elected Communications Officer. The Section had a visit from Gerhard Wahl at one of its leadership meetings and he brought suggestions and support for future activities. Over the coming years, the Section’s priority and main task will be to focus on attracting new and retaining existing Members.

At the end of 2012, the Section had 13 Fellows and increased the number of its Members from 45 to 68.

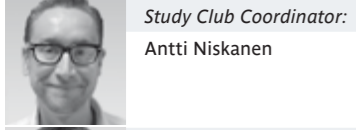
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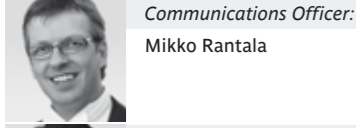
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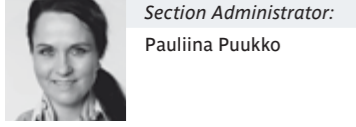
Education Delegate:
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Study Club Coordinator:
Antti Niskanen



Communications Officer:
Mikko Rantala



Section Administrator:
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Section France

One of the major objectives of the Section France in 2012 was to significantly increase the number of its Members by providing many high quality events. Having almost doubled the number of Members over the year, the Section has been successful in this objective.

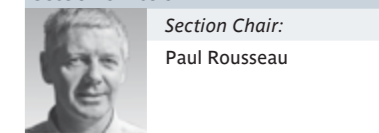
Paul Rousseau, Chair of the French Section, managed to establish a dynamic and friendly environment that is faithful to the philosophy of the ITI. Education Delegate Hervé Buatois undertook a national tour, a targeted mailing was issued and the excellent quality of the courses organized by the Section all contributed to this excellent result. With more than 40 events this year, the Study Clubs have also supported this growth. A special event that brought together three Study Clubs was organized in November and was attended by David Cochran.

The annual Section meeting, at which almost half the Section was present, was a great success, and ITI President Daniel Buser was welcomed as a speaker. He explained in detail the range of principles behind improved reliability of treatment outcomes.

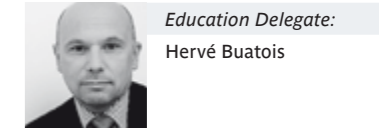
During the year, the Section held two speaker meetings, elected David Bourdin Communications Officer and welcomed Elodie Lang, who took over from Lotfi Madaoui as Section Administrator. The entire Leadership Team devoted significant time to the preparation of the national congress that took place in Val d’Isère in February 2013. The Section also welcomed a new service in the form of articles from the monthly literature update that had been translated into French and were made available to the Members by email.

At the end of December 2012, the Section had 13 Fellows and increased the number of its Members from 121 to 216.

Section Officers



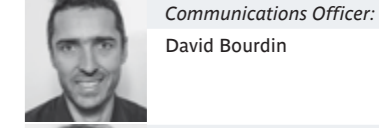
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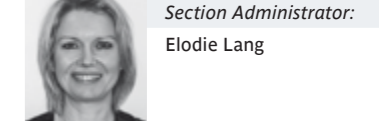
Education Delegate:
Hervé Buatois



Study Club Coordinator:
Antoine Rimmer



Communications Officer:
David Bourdin



Section Administrator:
Elodie Lang

Section Germany






The German Section's 8th ITI national congress took place in Cologne in spring 2012 and presented an impressive scientific program with over 30 presentations and workshops directed at both dentists and dental technicians. More than 1,300 participants from 12 countries enjoyed two days full of information on new technologies and methods in one of the oldest and most attractive German cities.

The German Section also concentrated on developing the Study Club concept further and increasing the number of Members in the Section. All three undertakings produced outstanding results and, with almost 690 Fellows and Members and 50 Study Clubs by the end of 2012, the Section was able to exceed its own ambitious goals significantly.

The German Section met twice during the year: in February for its annual Fellow meeting in Eltville with an excellent scientific program and then later on in fall in Constance for the Young ITI Symposium. Andres Stricker was responsible for putting together an ambitious program for the latter entitled "Complications and Limitations in Implantology?" 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.

By the end of the year, the German Section had 92 Fellows and increased the number of Members from 428 to 596.

Section Officers

	<i>Section Chair:</i> Gerhard Wahl
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	<i>Study Club Coordinator:</i> Karl Andreas Schlegel
	<i>Communications Officer:</i> Georg Bach
	<i>Section Administrator:</i> Thomas Kreuzwieser

Section Greece & Cyprus

Developing the ITI Study Clubs was the primary goal of the Section Greece & Cyprus in 2012. The Section focused on the promotion and development of the Study Clubs with an expanded list of participating invited speakers who covered a wide array of clinical implant dentistry topics. Due to budget restrictions in relation to the organization of the national congress, the Section held only one additional one-day event that featured Goran Benic from the University of Zurich.






From September 29 to 30, 250 colleagues participated in the 3rd ITI national congress and had the pleasure of attending lectures given by James Ruskin and Will Martin from the University of Florida on preoperative esthetic and reconstructive risk assessment; the management of complex defects with hard and soft tissue grafting or with pink materials as a treatment alternative; emerging materials and technologies in dentistry and the management of surgical and restorative complications. This was the first national congress with the participation of local ITI speakers in the scientific program. Phoebus Madianos, Ioannis Karoussis, Dimitris Nikolidakis and George Vilos presented topics of major clinical interest and importance.

Undoubtedly, 2012 was a difficult year for the Section Greece & Cyprus. Although extremely unfavorable economic circumstances prevailed, the Section was able to increase its membership by roughly 25 percent and organize the third national congress that surpassed expectations in terms of quality and attendance. This clearly shows that the dental community in Greece and Cyprus is willing to invest in knowledge and the future despite the current atmosphere of uncertainty.

The increased acceptance of the ITI by Greek and Cypriot dental professionals may be attributed to the Study Clubs and the organization of high quality educational activities within the Section. All this reflects the efficient work and enthusiasm of the Leadership Team that believes strongly in the ITI philosophy and tries its best to disseminate the professional benefits to a wide portion of the dental community.

At the end of 2012 the Section had 13 Fellows and 233 Members.

Section Officers

	<i>Section Chair:</i> Nikitas Sykaras
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	<i>Study Club Coordinator:</i> Dimitris Nikolidakis
	<i>Communications Officer:</i> Sophocles Voyiazis
	<i>Section Administrator:</i> Alex Kosmas

Section Iberia

At the beginning of the year, the Section set itself the goal of growing its Study Clubs and increasing its membership figures at the same time as well as promoting the Iberian national congress. In both areas, the Section was able to record success despite a very difficult economic situation in both Spain and Portugal.

The national congress took place in Santiago de Compostela, known as a university town and the destination for pilgrims travelling the way of St. James. Held over two days from May 11 to 12, the meeting attracted more than 780 participants, who came to listen to the program delivered by national and international speakers – the latter including Stephen Chen (Australia) and German Gallucci (USA). Also attending the congress were the Chancellor of the University of Santiago as well as the Dean of the School of Medicine and Dentistry. The Section took the opportunity offered by the event to hold a Study Club meeting, Fellow meeting and annual meeting at the same time. A new Section Administrator joined the Section just before the congress took place.

Later on in the year, a Speaker Development meeting was held in Lisbon to help young potential speakers with their skills. The speakers were also taught the rules to follow when publishing peer-reviewed articles. During the year, 28 Study Club meetings were held. Currently more than 340 Section Members have registered for a Study Club and the average size of each Club is 17 members. The Section is pleased with its results for the year and will continue to make improvements, budget permitting.

At the end of the year, the Section had 40 Fellows and had increased the number of its Members from 320 to 428.

Section Italy

After the excellent results of the previous year, the challenge for 2012 was to continue the trend of constant growth for the Italian Section. The Section's main goal was to bring the total number of Members and Fellows from around 420 to 500. This target was reached mid-year. The key to this result, at a time where many other scientific associations are losing members, was the great effort towards Study Club growth put in by everyone in the Section, starting with the Members, through Fellows and Study Club Directors, to the Leadership Team.

The number of Study Clubs increased to 25, with an average of 21 members per Study Club. More than 80 Study Club meetings took place, with over 1,600 participants, and very positive feedback. The "invite a friend" concept worked very well. The very high quality of the presentations made by the Italian ITI speakers and other invited speakers made participant satisfaction an easy aim to fulfill. This trend continued and concluded with the December Study Club meeting in Rome that was attended by more than 100 participants from three Study Clubs, who came to listen to a program that included a presentation made by Rony Jung.

Another very important event in the Section year was the Section meeting, which took place in the amazing environment of Teatro Rispoli in the beautiful city of Verona and was attended by more than 250 people. The speakers' panel with Paul Fugazzotto, Piercarlo Frabboni, Hideaki Katsuyama and Rino Burkhardt, allowed the Section to organize an event that was very distinguished from a cultural point of view. It also had some very important moments of learning and sharing, with a short course on Keynote given by Sergio Piano, the Fellow meeting, the Study Club Director meeting, a "clinical case competition" for young speakers and Study Club members, and, last but not least, a welcome party in a historical mansion in Verona.

The focus has now shifted to the organization of the national congress in Venice at the end of September 2013 that will include some very prestigious international and national speakers.

At the end of 2012, the Section had 33 Fellows and had increased the number of its Members from 390 to 506.

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Juan Blanco Carrión



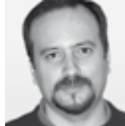
Education Delegate:

Ricardo Faria Almeida



Study Club Coordinator:

Giuliano Fragola



Communications Officer:

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Section Administrator:

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Education Delegate:

Sandro Siervo



Study Club Coordinator:

Giacomo Oteri



Communications Officer:

Raffaele Cavalcanti



Section Administrator:

Luca Canevari

Section Japan

In 2012, the Japanese Section undertook to promote the ITI with the aim of growing the Study Clubs and acquiring new Members. These activities took place, however, in a difficult environment as reports of severe complications associated with implant dentistry therapy appeared throughout the country.

In order to tackle the growing negative perception of implant dentistry in Japan, the Section held a media conference in Tokyo on June 14, the day before its national congress. The Section Leadership Team was joined by Daniel Buser, who explained about the ITI's efforts to improve implant dentistry education worldwide, its more than 30-year track record and the ITI's philosophy centering on evidence-based knowledge. He also cited 10-year survival and success rates from a study in Bern (2010) that shows a higher than 95 percent rate of success.

The national congress on the following day drew an audience of more than 1,000 participants. Talking about achievements and complications in implant dentistry were international guest speakers Daniel Buser, Urs Belser and David Cochran, among others. Each presentation was followed by a panel discussion with questions from the audience.

During the year, a total of 92 Study Club meetings were held by the country's 32 Study Clubs – an increase of 14 over the previous year. Various other administrative and organizational meetings were held, including three leadership meetings, one Fellow meeting, one Study Club Director meeting, and a Member meeting. A Treatment Guide seminar on Volume 5 was also organized with the participation of more than 200 practitioners and the Section manned an ITI booth at six local dental events.

At the end of the year, the Section had 31 Fellows and had increased the number of its Members from 734 to 1,006.





Section Korea

Creating a lively annual program in order to bring about greater awareness of the ITI in Korea and attract new Members was the Section's plan for 2012. Once again four ITI Forum Days were held and were well attended. The success of this scientific meeting serves to differentiate the ITI in Korea from other academic organizations in a similar field. Around 110 Fellows and Members attended the annual scientific meeting that featured an interactive communications program using smart phones. At the Speaker Development meeting, four Study Club Directors were given the opportunity to make presentations.






The Study Club concept has taken off well in Korea and around 86 percent of all Members are enrolled in a Study Club. A new Study Club Coordinator – Yoon-Je Jang – was elected in 2012. The Korean ITI Study Club Top-Down under the direction of Richard Leesungbok actively shared its scientific program with the Brighton Study Club in Australia: John Lucas, a dental technician from Melbourne, was invited to Korea in September and Richard Leesungbok to Australia in October.

At the end of 2012, the Section had grown its membership by 77 percent with 15 Fellows and an increase in Members from 172 to 317.

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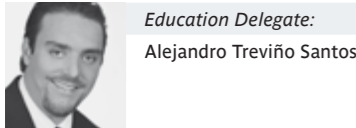
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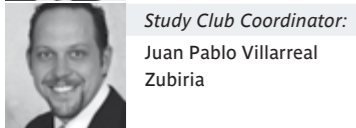
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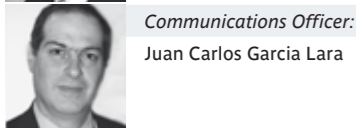
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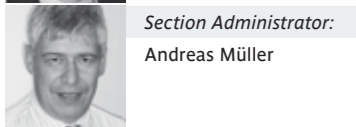
Education Delegate:
Alejandro Treviño Santos



Study Club Coordinator:
Juan Pablo Villarreal
Zubiria



Communications Officer:
Juan Carlos Garcia Lara



Section Administrator:
Andreas Müller

One of the main activities of the Mexican Section in 2012 was Study Club development and Study Club meetings. Efforts were made to add an international touch with guest speakers from abroad who included Hugo Albera, Danny Torassa, Santiago Caram, Masaroh Matsuura, Katsuki Yamamoto, Juan Vega and Mauricio Araujo. All the Members were very pleased with the presentations of the international guests.

The traditional Section meeting was the big event of the year and included the participation of Mauricio Araujo from Brazil as the guest speaker. The event attracted more than 300 participants.

The Section was established in 2008, so 2012 signalled the end of the first term of office for the Leadership Team. Raul Medina took over as Chair, while Alejandro Treviño was re-elected as Education Delegate, and Juan Pablo Villarreal also remained as Study Club Coordinator. Juan Carlos Garcia Lara took over as Communications Officer.

At the end of the year, the Section registered growth of 76 percent with 12 Fellows and an increase in Members from 90 to 166.

Section Middle East

The Middle East Section is made up of 14 countries that extend from North East Africa to the Gulf area. Within these tremendous geographical boundaries and cultural differences, the Middle East Section is working hard to make the ITI known in its region and to increase its membership figures in each country.

On December 7 and 8, the Section held its second highly successful regional congress in Abu Dhabi that looked at new technologies, innovations and materials and how to evaluate and use them. More than 470 participants attended, including a number of visitors from Europe, North America, South America and Asia. The program was presented in English by 10 regional and three international speakers, Mauricio Araujo from Brazil, Hans-Peter Weber from USA, and Urs Brägger from Switzerland.

Earlier in the year in April, the Section organized its first Education Day in Beirut, which drew more than 200 participants from Lebanon and neighboring countries. The lectures were presented in English by two international speakers, Nikolaos Donos from England and Jacques Penaud from France.

The Section also managed to establish four new Study Clubs during the year; three in Saudi Arabia (Riyadh 2, Jeddah, Dammam) and one in Lebanon (North of Lebanon). The Section's 12 Study Clubs held 25 events. The UAE Study Clubs managed to get CME accreditation from the Abu Dhabi Health Authority towards license renewal to practice in the UAE. Beirut and North of Lebanon Study Clubs held a shared event in September that featured scientific and coaching seminars followed by an extracurricular team building exercise in the form of a biking program. Feedback from dentists who participated and their families was very positive.

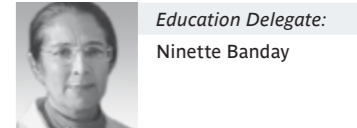
Among the other meetings held by the Section were three leadership meetings, two Fellow meetings, one Study Club Director meeting, and an annual Section meeting.

By the end of the year, the Section increased the number of its Fellows from 20 to 31 and its Members from 148 to 208.

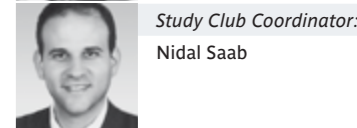
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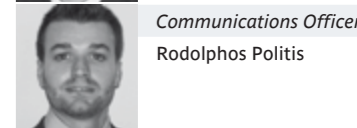
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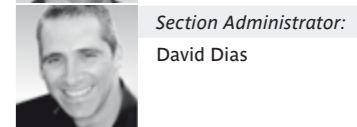
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Study Club Coordinator:
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Communications Officer:
Rodolphos Politis



Section Administrator:
David Dias

Section Netherlands

Preparation for the 2013 Benelux congress began in 2012. A very promising program looking at the role of digital technology in implant dentistry has been put together with contributions from both local and international guest speakers. The latter include Irena Sailer from Switzerland, German Gallucci from the USA and Paolo Casentini from Italy. Work continues in order to attract as many participants from the three participating countries and beyond as possible.

The Section's website also went online during the year to provide a local source of information for anyone interested in finding out more about the ITI in the Netherlands and the events coming up.

The Study Club program for 2012 flourished with a total of eight Study Clubs throughout the country that each held between two and three meetings and all met for an event at the ACTA University in November at which David Cochran made presentations. There is still potential for growth that will be followed up in the coming year.

During the year, the Section had three leadership and three Fellow meetings as well as the annual Section meeting that offered a presentation by international guest speaker Erik Andersen from Denmark. Two theme nights were held that were greeted very positively by participants. Similar appreciation was expressed for the novel ITI fresh cadaver course at Erasmus University that was sold out early on.

The Section regretted the departure of Section Administrator Joos van Riet during the year, whose position has not yet been filled.

At the end of the year, the Section had 14 Fellows and 257 Members.

Section Norway & Sweden

The main focus during the year was on planning the 7th ITI national congress that is to be held in Stockholm from April 12 to 13, 2013 with the title "Complications and future perspectives in implant dentistry". Several international lecturers have been invited.

In June, the seventh national seminar was held in Stockholm. The theme was implant treatment technique with a focus on digital planning and guided surgery. The guest speakers were Heming Olsen-Bergem and Henrik Skjerven from Oslo University, who held lectures on guided surgery and shared their experience from the use of coDiagnostix. Rasmy Shahnava from Sweden also presented his experience of digital implant planning in private practice.

Alongside the seminar, the Swedish Section held its annual Section meeting. An important issue is the further development of Study Clubs. During 2012 six Study Clubs were run in five cities – the northernmost in Luleå/Kiruna.

Later on in the year in autumn, it was decided to bring together Sweden and Norway within one Section. In future, the Section will hold Nordic rather than single country congresses. The first is to be held in 2015.

At the end of the year, the Section had experienced strong growth – largely due to the integration of Fellows and Members in Norway – with 22 Fellows and an increase in Members from 93 to 175.

Section Officers



Section Chair:
Christiaan
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Education Delegate:
Daniel Wismeijer



Study Club Coordinator:
Geert Stoker



Communications Officer:
Ali Tahmaseb



Section Administrator:
Joos van Riet

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Ola Norderyd



Education Delegate:
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Study Club Coordinator:
Kerstin Fischer



Communications Officer:
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Section Administrator:
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Study Club Coordinator:
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Communications Officer:
Chi Cheong Yip



Section Administrator:
Philipp Nueesch



The South East Asian Section held its first annual Section meeting on May 24 and 25, 2012 in Kuching, Sarawak. A total of 150 participants attended a great scientific meeting at which Stephen Chen was the keynote speaker, supported by regional speakers from Singapore, Thailand and Indonesia.

The Leadership Team, Fellows and Study Club Directors all held their respective meetings around the Section meeting. The then Straumann CEO Beat Spalinger and Stephen Chen joined the Section's leadership and Fellow meetings as guests.

Prior to the Section meeting, the Leadership Team held its first meeting in Kuching, Sarawak in April to finalize the preparations for the meetings and Philipp Nueesch, Straumann's Area Sales Manager Asia and Pacific joined the team as the Section Administrator.

The team met up again in London at the ITI Annual General Meeting and started preparing for the 1st ITI Congress South East Asia that will be held in Bangkok, Thailand in May 2013. Daniel Buser and Urs Belser will be the keynote speakers at the congress, the theme of which is "Achieving esthetic success in implant dentistry". Several regional speakers will also support the two-day scientific program.

In 2012, a total of 39 Study Club events were held by the 13 Study Clubs throughout South East Asia. The total number of participants was over 1,000. Many non-ITI Members also participated and showed interest in becoming ITI Members as can be seen from the growing number of Members in the Section.

By the end of the year, the Section had 22 Fellows and the number of Members had increased from 157 to 224.

Section Southern Africa

The main goals of the Section Southern Africa for 2012 were to concentrate on equipping Study Club Directors to lead their Study Clubs, host a Scientific Day towards the middle of the year and also to expand the ITI's presence further north of South Africa.

The first Study Club Director meeting was held in February 2012, when all the Study Club Directors were invited to attend the Cape Town Study Club evening, the largest in South Africa. Study Club Directors were able to witness the success of the Study Club concept in Cape Town, and a Study Club Director meeting was held on the following day.

A very successful Scientific Day was hosted at Asara Wine Estate in Stellenbosch, South Africa. The guest speaker was Dean Morton from the USA, who presented enlightening lectures on the road forward for teaching facilities that offer implant dentistry education for the next generations of dentists. Some of the Section's local ITI speakers also shared their knowledge on cases they had treated. The turnout for the meeting was particularly encouraging as a number of attendees from neighboring Zimbabwe also participated.

The current Namibian Study Club expanded its base into Zimbabwe and the inaugural meeting was held in Harare at the beginning of July 2012. The meeting was extremely successful as a number of new Members registered with the ITI.

The ITI's involvement in the University of Pretoria training program expanded and members of the Section Leadership Team regularly made live demonstrations at the courses, as well as giving lectures. The Section membership pool once again grew as a result of the students attending this course. Members attending the courses from Kenya and Mozambique also registered to become Members of the ITI.

The Scientific Program Committee finalized the program for the ITI Congress Southern Africa that will be hosted in Johannesburg, South Africa from July 26 to 27, 2013. The congress theme is "60 Years! Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow". The two international speakers, both from the USA, are Steve Eckert and Anthony Sclar. There will be a case and poster presentation competition that is aimed at practitioners and young academics to showcase their experience and achievements. This is certainly set to be an exciting meeting.

By the end of the year, the Section had 12 Fellows and the number of Members had risen from 189 to 240.

Section Officers

Section Chair:
Gerrit Wyma



Education Delegate:
Paul van Zyl



Study Club Coordinator:
Pieter Wolfaardt



Communications Officer:
Christiaan Vorster



Section Administrator:
Peter Anderson



Section Switzerland

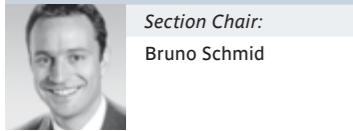
The Section once again enjoyed a very successful year. The Leadership Team headed by Bruno Schmid worked very well together and managed to plan and carry out the year's activities in three Leadership Team meetings.

In 2012, the Swiss Section held 124 Study Club meetings and ran 18 ITI courses. It also held its first national congress, with the scientific program organized by Nicola U. Zitzmann and Irena Sailer. With more than 500 participants it was very successful with positive feedback and revenues. The congress was combined with a number of meetings for Study Club Directors, ITI Speakers and the annual Fellow meeting.

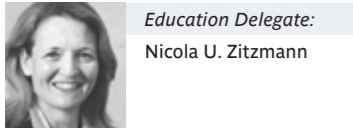
The Section also ensured an ITI presence with an information stand at a number of academic congresses. The Section leadership position of Communications Officer was filled by Michael Bornstein.

At the end of 2012, the Section had 85 Fellows and 1,076 Members, which means that 25 percent of all dentists in Switzerland have committed themselves to the ITI.

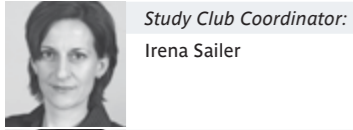
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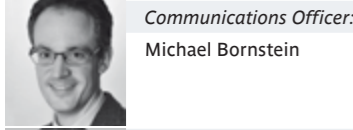
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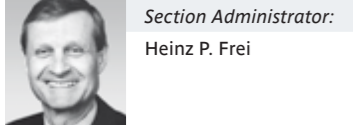
Education Delegate:
Nicola U. Zitzmann



Study Club Coordinator:
Irena Sailer



Communications Officer:
Michael Bornstein



Section Administrator:
Heinz P. Frei

Section Taiwan

In 2012, the Taiwanese Section set itself a primary goal to enhance the value of joining the ITI community and to increase the Section's membership figures. The Study Clubs represent the main source of new knowledge and education resources as well as being the place that enables the greatest degree of exchange between Members. Experts on specific fields, former ITI Scholars and dental clinicians were invited to give a wide range of special lectures. A total of 16 meetings were held by four Study Clubs, which were attended by more than 400 participants.

The Section's major event in 2012 was the ITI Congress Taiwan held on September 15 and 16. The theme was "Implant dentistry in the digital world: Long-term success, optimal outcome and the advanced technologies". Three international speakers participated: Niklaus Lang (Hong Kong), Daniel Wismeijer (Netherlands), and David Schneider (Switzerland). The panel discussion entitled "Contemporary technologies versus conventional approaches" in the form of a lively exchange between the invited speakers and ITI Fellows was greatly appreciated. The excellent two-day scientific program was enjoyed by 200 participants.

A further highlight this year took place on May 14 when Luca Cordaro from the Eastman Dental Hospital in Rome came to give a special lecture on the topic "Success factors of esthetic results in implant dentistry". Dr. Cordaro shared his experience on "smile studies" and how to manage the emergence profile effectively, maintaining prosthetic flexibility in every clinical situation.

Former ITI Scholar Peking Cheng was welcomed back from Johannes-Gutenberg-University Mainz in Germany after one year of training.

At the end of 2012, the Section had 11 Fellows and the number of Members had risen from 50 to 86.

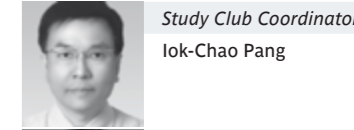
Section Officers



Section Chair:
Alex Tsai



Education Delegate:
Phoebe Kung



Study Club Coordinator:
Iok-Chao Pang



Communications Officer:
Chun-Cheng Wang



Section Administrator:
Julia Tsai

Section Turkey & Azerbaijan

The Section Turkey & Azerbaijan enjoyed a very active and productive year. The annual Section meeting took place in Antalya and attracted more than 400 Members – representing over 70 percent of the Section membership.

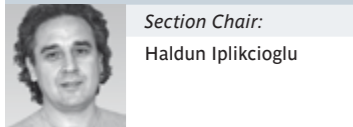
A total of 68 Study Club meetings were held, attended by 430 Members, 54 guests and 356 non-Members. More than half of the Study Clubs were able to invite an international speaker and this raised a high level of interest among the Turkish dental community in general. Additionally, the format of Study Clubs in small groups led more Members to take an active role in discussions and presentations. The number of ITI Speakers increased from 17 to 23 during the year. The more events were held, the better the Study Club concept was understood. The benefits and resources of the ITInet were also successfully promoted among the Members.

In cities where there are currently no Study Clubs, the Section ran nine education meetings that drew more than 300 professionals. Two targeted education meetings were organized in order to establish a common scientific language among Fellows. Both young and experienced Fellows attended the meeting, providing an excellent opportunity to discuss the status of implant dentistry today.

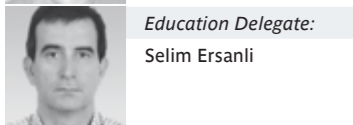
Near the end of the year, a merger between Fellows and Members in Azerbaijan and the Turkish Section resulted in the new and broader Section Turkey & Azerbaijan that runs from Europe to Western Asia.

At the end of 2012, the Section had 29 Fellows and 535 Members.

Section Officers



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Haldun Iplikcioglu



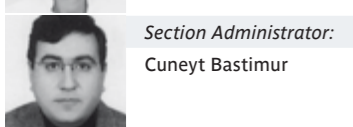
Education Delegate:
Selim Eranli



Study Club Coordinator:
Kivanç Akça



Communications Officer:
Bilge Gokcen-Rohlig



Section Administrator:
Cuneyt Bastimur

Section UK & Ireland

2012 brought the ITI Annual General Meeting to London, which was a great opportunity for the Section UK & Ireland to show the other ITI Sections how much it had grown in recent years. The meeting was accompanied by a fantastic scientific program, featuring speakers such as Frauke Mueller, Tara Renton and Nikos Donos on topics including: “Diagnosis and management of nerve damage following implant surgery” and “Implant therapy and future burden of maintenance in the elderly population”.

The Section also saw two of its Members awarded scholarships. Christopher Millen became an ITI Scholar at the University of Bern and Borvornwut Buranawat was awarded a year’s scholarship at the University of Zurich.

The Section continues to work extremely hard at developing itself in many areas. Some of its Fellows are actively involved in international ITI committees: these include Charlotte Stilwell, who is a member of the Education Core Group, Nikos Donos, who is a member of the University Programs Committee and Stephen Barter, who is a Section & Membership Core Group member.

The Section undertook Speaker development days, Study Club Director development days and specific individual development of educators for the Foundation in Implant Dentistry course. One of the events organized by the Section was a wonderful Speaker development day presented by Alessandro Devigus from Switzerland.

Following the success of Dr. Devigus’ presentation at the ITI UK & Ireland Congress in December 2011, he was invited back to provide a full day on digital photography to the benefit of the Speaker group.

New Section communication tools/ methods were developed that include an e-newsletter, which is now in preparation and closer working relationships between Study Club Directors and the Communications Officer in order to extend the benefits of ITI membership to a wider audience. The Study Clubs continued to flourish and there are now 40 spread across the country.

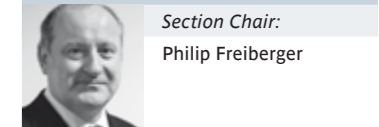
Earlier in the year the Section hosted a hugely successful annual Section meeting with a scientific program presented by Vincent Fehmer and Andreas Ender from the University of Zurich. The program was based around CAD/CAM and digital restorations and delivered to a large and receptive audience.

On a final note, the Section is delighted to announce that it has been granted a second ITI Scholarship Center at Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry at The Royal London Hospital.

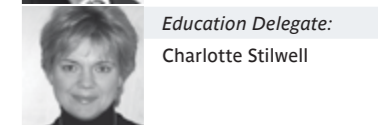
The section was delighted to welcome nine new Fellows in 2012: Fadi Barrak, Colin Burns, Ashley Byrne, Dejan Dragisic, Chong Lim, David Nelson, Dominic O’Sullivan, Eoin O’Sullivan and Georgios Papageorgakopoulos.

At the end of 2012, the Section had 45 Fellows and had increased the number of Members from 683 to 723.

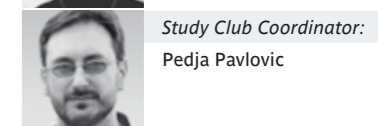
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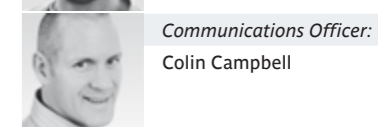
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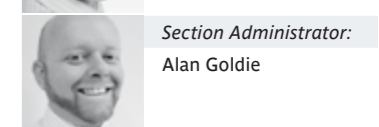
Education Delegate:
Charlotte Stilwell



Study Club Coordinator:
Pedja Pavlovic



Communications Officer:
Colin Campbell



Section Administrator:
Alan Goldie

Section USA

Section Officers



Section Chair:
Dean Morton



Education Delegate:
Frank L. Higginbottom



Study Club Coordinator:
Paul Fugazzotto



Communications Officer:
William Martin



Section Administrator:
Arjan Haverhals

In 2012, in addition to finalizing the preparations for the Congress North America to be held in Chicago in April 2013, the Section focused on consolidating and developing the growth of previous years in the Section as a whole and in the Study Clubs in particular.

Section Chair Dean Morton has created an efficient environment within the US Section that is conducive to growth. This has been reflected in increased membership, successful annual meetings, the introduction of new concepts and ideas to promote the ITI from within, and a North American Congress that is on pace to have participation numbers that will eclipse all previous congresses.

Under the direction of Education Delegate Frank Higginbottom, the congress organizing committee has created a topical and informative program entitled "Connectivity in Implant Dentistry: Putting the Pieces Together". With a great venue in the heart of downtown Chicago, it will be a great success.

The number of ITI Study Clubs grew from 146 to 175 in 2012. With mandates handed down at the Annual General Meeting in 2012, there will be a movement in 2013 to increase the size of the ITI Study Clubs – most currently have less than 10 members – while decreasing the overall number of Clubs. A goal has been set to reduce the ITI Study Club number to 140. Study Club Directors still seek assistance in creating content that can be utilized to educate its members. The Section is currently developing a curriculum that will be made exclusive to active ITI Study Clubs.

The annual Section meeting was held in Charlotte in April. The highlight of the 1.5-day meeting was on Friday when German Gallucci presented on the topic "Digital Implant Workflow". This was a very informative and thought-provoking lecture on the state of technology and its impact in the area of planning, placement and restoration of dental implants. The second meeting of ITI Study Club Directors followed the next day. An open forum was conducted by Paul Fugazzotto, Greg Phillips and Bill Keller, at which techniques to grow and run ITI Study Clubs were discussed.

The annual business meeting for US Fellows was held in Andover in October. This meeting is the forum at which the fellowship is informed of strategic directions taken by the ITI that were presented at the ITI Annual General Meeting in London. The changes discussed included the goals of refining the successful Study Club initiative to ensure its future in the coming years, management of the Section budget, and lastly presenting initiatives to ensure the success of the coming 2013 ITI national congress. The meeting was vibrant and dynamic. Of course, as always, the Fellows embraced the opportunity to spend time together and enjoy the unique relationships developed through the ITI.

The Section introduced an initiative to expand membership through educational activities. In 2012, it focused on the West Coast with two one-day conferences in San Francisco in May and Las Vegas in October. These conferences aimed at bringing the ITI to the forefront as a provider of high quality, evidence-based education while bringing exposure for the ITI to areas where membership is low.

Under the guidance of Dean Morton and David Cochran, the Section is introducing a "Young Fellows Committee", headed by Jay Beagle. This committee is geared towards encouraging active young Fellows with a view to leadership roles within the Section in the future. Jay Beagle completed his term on the Section & Membership Core Group in 2012 to be replaced by Dean Morton. The Section thanks Jay for his tireless efforts over the years.

Thanks also go to outgoing Section Administrator Gino DeSimone for the many years of support provided to the Section. He passed on his duties to Arjan Haverhals and the Section looks forward to similar success working with Arjan.

Financial report.

ITI Association

In 2012, the trend of rapid and substantial membership growth continued, reflecting the quality and breadth of the ITI's offering for the dental community. This was seen in an increase in membership fees by well over CHF (Swiss francs) 800,000 over the previous year. Total income topped the CHF 3 million mark for the first time to reach over CHF 3.5 million. Operating costs rose to just under CHF 3.5 million, mainly due to partial reimbursements to the ITI Foundation in return for its contribution to membership benefits and activities. The overall operating profits of the ITI Association remained positive.

ITI Association Financial Statement 2012¹

	2012	in CHF 2011
Revenues		
Annual Fellowship Fee, Net	273,328	256,793
Annual Membership Fee, Net	3,245,759	2,429,168
Other Income	2,517	2,932
Total Revenues	3,521,604	2,688,893
Costs		
Total Operating Costs	3,464,501	2,487,013
Operating Profit	57,103	201,880

¹ Extract from the financial statements. Complete financial statements for 2012 are available at the domicile of the ITI Association.

ITI Foundation

As predicted, 2012 remained a year of heavy investment that went primarily into education towards the fulfillment of the ITI's Vision 2017. This resulted in an overall operating loss of more than CHF 1.5 million. However, this loss is CHF 1.3 million less than in the previous year and underlines the ITI's firm resolve to re-establish a balanced budget by 2013.

Total revenues passed the CHF 20 million mark for the first time, with an increase of almost CHF 2.4 million over the previous year. The increase in revenues from educational events, in particular national/regional ITI congresses, of almost CHF 0.5 million indicates that investment into educational activities is beginning to bear fruit.

Expenditure rose significantly, mainly due to continued financial support for the ITI Study Club program, as well as exceptional outgoings for Scholarships due to the launch of a new annual scheduling rhythm of the Scholarship year and the corresponding financial provisions. Expenditure for "Global Education", referring to items such as national congresses and other umbrella education projects, remained relatively stable compared to the previous year.

Costs for general administration dropped significantly, reflecting an almost 60% drop in expenditure for marketing & communication as well as strongly reduced outgoings for IT projects for administrative processes and services after significant investment in this area in the previous year.

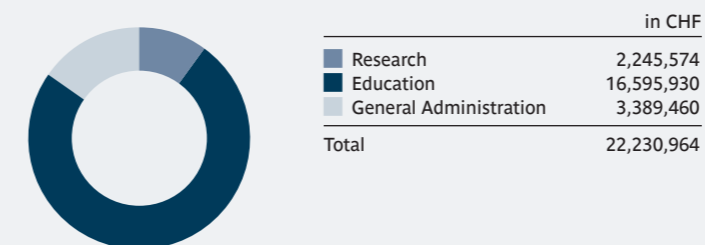
With a reduction of more than CHF 1.3 million in the overall operating loss over the previous year, the ITI Board has signaled the seriousness of its intention to achieve a balanced budget in 2013 after the heavy expenditures of previous years connected to the launch of the ITI Study Club program as well as the ITI's new responsibilities in regard to national congresses.

ITI Foundation Financial Statement 2012¹

	2012	in CHF 2011
Operating Revenues		
<i>Contributions</i>	14,696,166	13,793,045
<i>Revenues from educational events</i>	2,778,664	2,221,038
<i>Other Revenues</i>	3,138,041	2,215,465
Total Operating Revenues	20,612,871	18,229,548
Operating Costs		
Research	2,245,574	2,453,836
Education		
<i>Global education</i>	3,900,081	3,787,442
<i>University Programs</i>	629,322	795,474
<i>Scholarship Program</i>	1,970,163	1,298,249
<i>Study Clubs</i>	4,582,404	3,227,631
<i>Sections & Membership</i>	5,513,960	5,487,446
Total Education	16,595,930	14,596,242
General Administration		
<i>ITI Center</i>	2,893,521	2,933,355
<i>Board of Directors</i>	188,836	188,991
<i>Marketing & Communication</i>	284,559	666,877
<i>IT Projects</i>	22,545	359,793
Total General Administration	3,389,460	4,149,016
Total Operating Revenues	20,612,871	18,229,548
Total Operating Costs	22,230,964	21,199,093
Operating Loss	-1,618,092	-2,969,545

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Overview of ITI Foundation Expenses in 2012





To the Board of Trustees of
ITI Foundation for the Promotion of Oral Implantology, Basel

Basel, March 7, 2013

**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, 2012.

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 the Foundation's personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of the Foundation's 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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Licensed audit expert
(Auditor in charge)

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

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