



Press Release: The ITI expands its educational offering.

Specialist implant dentistry continuing education courses launched in Brazil and South Africa

Basel, Switzerland, January 29, 2014 – The International Team for Implantology (ITI) has expanded its educational offering by confirming two more ITI Centers of Excellence in South Africa and Brazil. As part of the ITI University Programs, nine selected academic institutions around the globe are now providing 4- to 7-day continuing education courses in implant dentistry, known as ITI Education Weeks.

The two new Centers are located at the University of Pretoria School of Dentistry (South Africa) and Hospital Moinhos de Vento (Porto Alegre, Brazil). Both institutions have an established track record for high quality continuing education courses, state-of-the-art facilities and draw on an outstanding faculty of experts. The first ITI Education Weeks in South Africa and Brazil will take place in July and November 2014, respectively.

The ITI Education Week in Pretoria will be directed by Prof. Andre van Zyl, Head of the Department of Periodontics and Oral Medicine, and will cover all aspects of tooth loss and factors influencing the replacement of missing teeth as well as the role of CAD/CAM and that of the dental technician.

The ITI Education Week in Porto Alegre will discuss aspects of tooth loss, its effects on the oral cavity and the steps of several clinical situations leading to the rehabilitation of oral health using implant dentistry. The course will be directed by Dr. Waldemar Daudt Polido, an oral and maxillofacial surgeon who has been actively involved in the ITI for many years. While all the ITI's other Education Weeks are held in English, the ITI Education Week in Porto Alegre will be the first to be held in Brazilian-Portuguese and Spanish, addressing the urgent need to offer continuing education courses in the local language in Latin America.

“We are very pleased to have two further highly regarded institutions on board and also to finally be able to offer an ITI Education Week in Africa and South America. The Centers complement our existing course offering very well and I am sure they will be a great success”, says Prof. Hans-Peter Weber, Chair of the ITI University Programs Committee.

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Also new in 2014 is the ITI Education Week Melbourne. After having finalized the construction of its new dental clinic, the first course at the University of Melbourne is coming up at the end of February. It will be directed by Prof. Ivan Darby and A/Prof. Roy Judge and will focus on current perspectives in implant dentistry.

ITI Education Weeks offer top-class continuing education courses in implant dentistry aligned to the ITI philosophy of evidence-based treatment approaches. They give practitioners the opportunity to advance their knowledge and skills in implant-related treatment and learn from experts in the field. Participants benefit from lecture and discussion sessions, participation in treatment planning, surgical and prosthetic hands-on sessions as well as live surgical and prosthetic sessions. Each ITI Education Week offers continuing education (CE) credits.

Further information is available at www.iti.org/educationweek.

About the ITI

The International Team for Implantology (ITI) unites professionals around the world from every field of implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration. As an independent academic association, it actively promotes networking and exchange among its membership. ITI Fellows and Members, who currently number more than 15,000, regularly share their knowledge and expertise from research and clinical practice at meetings, courses and congresses with the objective of continuously improving treatment methods and outcomes to the benefit of their patients.

In 33 years, the ITI has built a reputation for scientific rigor combined with concern for the welfare of patients. The organization focuses on the development of well-documented treatment guidelines backed by extensive clinical testing and the compilation of long-term results. The ITI funds research as well as Scholarships for young clinicians, organizes congresses and continuing education events and runs 650 Study Clubs around the globe, each offering three to four Study Club meetings per year. The organization also publishes reference books such as the ITI Treatment Guide series. www.iti.org

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