

<u>Press Release:</u> <u>The ITI further expands its university-based course program</u>

New Center of Excellence to be opened in London, England

Basel, Switzerland, March 22, 2016 – The International Team for Implantology (ITI), a leading academic organization dedicated to the promotion of evidence-based education and research in the field of implant dentistry, announced the opening of its eighth Center of Excellence at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) in 2017.

As part of the ITI University Programs, selected academic institutions around the world offer 4-to 7-day continuing education courses in implant dentistry, known as ITI Education Weeks. These courses give practitioners the opportunity to advance their theoretical and practical knowledge and skills in implant-related treatment and learn from experts in the field. Each ITI Education Week offers continuing education (CE) credits.

The Center of Excellence will be based at QMUL's Centre for Oral Clinical Research at the Institute of Dentistry. QMUL's Institute of Dentistry has a well-established track record for high quality continuing education courses at its state-of-the-art facilities. Apart from these outstanding facilities, it is the Institute's faculty, made up of top experts in the field of implant dentistry, that makes the institution the perfect partner for the ITI. The ITI Education Week London, primarily aimed at advanced implant dentistry professionals, will be directed by Prof. Nikolaos Donos, Head of the Centre for Oral Clinical Research and Professor for Periodontology and Implant Dentistry. Its focus will be on soft tissue management, anterior aesthetics as well as the treatment of peri-implantitis. The first ITI Education Week at Queen Mary University will take place in 2017.

Until 2013, the ITI ran ITI Education Weeks headed up by Prof. Nikolaos Donos at the Eastman Dental Institute of the University College London. "We are more than happy that, after a three-year break, Prof. Donos will again be offering an ITI Education Week in London", said Prof. Daniel Wismeijer, Chair of the ITI Education Committee. "We are convinced that the new course to be held at Queen Mary University will complement our existing course program perfectly and further contribute to the success of our ITI University Programs."

More information about the new ITI Education Week London will soon be available at http://www.iti.org/ITI-Education-Weeks.

About the ITI

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

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

About Queen Mary University of London

Queen Mary University of London (QMUL) is one of the UK's leading universities, and one of the largest institutions in the University of London, with 20,260 students from more than 150 countries.

A member of the Russell Group, we work across the humanities and social sciences, medicine and dentistry, and science and engineering, with inspirational teaching directly informed by our research - in the most recent national assessment of the quality of research, we were placed ninth in the UK (REF 2014).

We also offer something no other university can: a stunning self-contained residential campus in London's East End. As well as our home at Mile End, we have campuses at Whitechapel, Charterhouse Square and West Smithfield dedicated to the study of medicine, and a base for legal studies at Lincoln's Inn Fields.

We have a rich history in London with roots in Europe's first public hospital, St Barts; England's first medical school, The London; one of the first colleges to provide higher education to women, Westfield College; and the Victorian philanthropic project, the People's Palace based at Mile End.

QMUL has an annual turnover of £350m, a research income worth £100m, and generates employment and output worth £700m to the UK economy each year.

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