



## Press Release: The ITI awards 25 one-year scholarships.

### **Promotion of knowledge and international exchange at 20 ITI Scholarship Centers worldwide**

**Basel, Switzerland, March 5, 2012** – 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, is giving 25 young clinicians the opportunity to spend 12 months at one of the 20 ITI Scholarship Centers worldwide in order to enhance their knowledge and skills in implant dentistry.

The goal of the ITI Scholarship Program is to help young clinicians further their training in implant dentistry and to foster international exchange along with professional networking as an enriching educational experience. All ITI Scholarship Centers are renowned university departments or clinics under the supervision of a long-standing ITI Fellow. The Scholars are given insight into every aspect of implant treatment for patients during their one-year stay, during which special emphasis is placed on case planning, implant surgery and prosthetic restoration. Research and training are also part of the program in most Scholarship Centers.

The ITI supports each ITI Scholar with a stipend to the value of 40,000 Swiss Francs towards living expenses. In addition, each Scholar is given free ITI membership for the Scholarship year which includes, among others, free access to ITI Study Clubs and the ITInet, the ITI's global online platform. As ITI Members, they are also regularly invited to local activities and receive a welcome package with the latest copy of the ITI Treatment Guide.

Since 1998, the ITI has supported ITI Scholars and Scholarship Centers with more than 12 million Swiss Francs in total. 215 Scholars from more than 40 different countries have taken part in this annual program so far and gained valuable experience for their future careers. "We find it important to give young clinicians this opportunity to learn from experienced mentors, discover other ways of working and new cultures," said Prof. Dr. Frauke Müller, Chair of the ITI Scholarship Committee. "After their scholarship year, they take the acquired knowledge back home to apply and disseminate it in their own country."

The ITI Scholarship Committee is responsible for evaluating and selecting the Scholars and continually receives an increasing number of applications for the program. More than 100

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clinicians from 39 countries submitted an application this year out of which the 25 best qualified were chosen.

Further information on the ITI Scholarship Program and the terms and conditions of participation are available on the ITI website [www.iti.org](http://www.iti.org).

**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 now number more than 11,000, 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 more than 30 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 also publishes reference books such as the ITI Treatment Guide series. [www.iti.org](http://www.iti.org)

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