



## Press Release: 15,000: ITI membership reaches new heights.

### **The ITI welcomes its 15,000<sup>th</sup> member during this year's AO Annual Meeting**

**Basel, Switzerland, March 12, 2013** – 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, today announced that it had signed up its 15,000<sup>th</sup> member. This achievement marks another milestone in the 33-year history of the ITI and is also a worthy tribute to the efforts of ITI President Prof. Dr. Daniel Buser, during whose four-year term of office membership figures more than doubled.

The 15,000<sup>th</sup> member of the ITI is Dr. Michael Jaffin, a board certified periodontist from Hackensack, New Jersey, USA. He was welcomed personally by Prof. Buser as well as members of the ITI Board of Directors and the US ITI Section Leadership Team at an ITI reception during the AO Annual Meeting in Tampa, Florida, USA.

“It was less than 18 months ago that we announced our 10,000<sup>th</sup> member,” said Prof. Buser. The ITI’s extraordinary rate of growth clearly demonstrates that our broad educational offering is very appealing to colleagues. I am strongly convinced that it directly relates to the fact that, in terms of treatment recommendations, the ITI represents a safe haven to practitioners all over the world.”

“I joined the ITI because it is not only a close-knit community that includes the leaders in the field of implant dentistry, but it also fosters evidence-based education at the international, national, and local level”, said Dr. Jaffin at the ITI reception.

Established in 1980 by a small group of visionary pioneers, the ITI has grown into the leading organization in implant dentistry that has contributed significantly to the treatment standards and norms that guide the field. Today, the ITI is the largest international implant dentistry association in the world. The now 15,000 Fellows and Members are based in more than 100 countries worldwide and the majority of them are part of one of the 27 national or regional ITI Sections.

The ITI welcomes all appropriately qualified professionals with an interest in implant dentistry as members of the organization. Membership of the ITI offers a wealth of benefits and the highest quality educational support as well as the opportunity to meet likeminded professionals

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through the extensive event schedule. Dental practitioners who are interested in finding out more or joining the ITI should go to [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 15,000 in total, 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](http://www.iti.org)

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