

**Press Release:**  
**The ITI celebrates 30 years at the forefront of implant dentistry.**

**Over 30 years the ITI has grown in parallel to the field of implant dentistry and made significant contributions to its development.**

**ITI World Symposium 2010, Geneva, Switzerland, April 16, 2010** – 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, celebrated its 30th anniversary at the ITI World Symposium 2010 in Geneva. Established in 1980 by a small group of visionary pioneers led by Prof. Dr. André Schroeder and Dr. Fritz Straumann, the organization has championed the cause of implant dentistry playing an continuous role in its development to the present day.

Initially strongly involved in the development of tools and devices based on scientific findings related to osseointegration, the ITI was instrumental in defining the emerging field of implant dentistry. As dental implants achieved greater acceptance, establishing sound scientific documentation of long-term results became a priority for the organization. In 1988, the ITI set up the ITI Foundation to supply funding for independent research projects and support education to ensure the correct and considered implementation of this new technology.

Today, the ITI is the largest non-governmental organization worldwide to award research grants in implant dentistry and related fields and has a leading role in continuing dental education. In addition, the ITI supports the future of the field through its Scholarship program scheme, which annually awards around 20 one-year ITI Scholarships at one of its 17 Scholarship Centers around the world to young clinicians.

In 2003, the ITI opened up the membership of its organization to a broader audience of qualified professionals. Today, the ITI comprises more than 8,000 Fellows and Members in 26 national Sections and more than 90 countries around the world, who actively support the dissemination of the ITI treatment philosophy and principles.

"In its first 30 years, the ITI has established a reputation for scientific rigor and can point to a track record of impressive achievements," said Prof. Dr. Daniel Buser, ITI President. "As the field matures, our emphasis is shifting towards best-in-class education for quality assurance. It

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is our objective to become the leading academic provider of evidence-based education for implant dentistry and as such be acknowledged as the premier global multidisciplinary association in this field. Its growing network of national Sections provides the ITI with the means to disseminate knowledge and education reliably to an increasingly broader audience."

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 ranging from participation in Section activities such as ITI Study Club meetings through publications such as the latest ITI Treatment Guide book free of charge and a subscription to the ITI journal Forum Implantologicum to reduced entry fees to national and international ITI events. ITI members have the opportunity to meet likeminded professionals through the extensive event schedule and also contribute to shaping the future of implant dentistry.

#### **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 8,000 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 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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