

"... to promote and disseminate knowledge on all aspects of implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration through research, development and education to the benefit of the patient."

Global

Over the last 30 years, the ITI has grown from a local into a truly global organization.

Global	
(end 2009)	
Countries represented:	92
Continents:	6
National Sections:	26

Fellows & Members

In 2009, the ITI grew by 1,267 Members and welcomed 64 new Fellows.

Fellows & Members	
(end 2009)	
Fellows:	676
Members:	6,616
Total:	7,292

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Expenditure

The ITI invests in the future by supporting the development of education measures and tools as well as funding independent research.

Expenditure	
(ITI Foundation and ITI Association)	(in CHF 1,000)
2007:	14,920
2008:	10,832
2009:	12,122

An expanding matrix of expertise.

A vital network of Fellows and Members that extends across the world, the ITI is dedicated to furthering and promoting the interests of evidencebased implant dentistry.

> The ITI is active in furthering the spread and development of implant dentistry through a variety of channels and meetings. The organization has developed in parallel to implant dentistry itself and it has through its projects and undertakings contributed significantly to the standards and norms that guide the field today.

Founded in 1980 by a small group of pioneers, who were convinced of the long-term potential of dental implants, the ITI has since grown exponentially. Initially centered around Waldenburg, Bern and Freiburg, the reach of the ITI soon extended to include Western Europe, the US and Japan. In recent years, its coverage has further expanded to take in South America, Africa, the Middle East and South East Asia. The organization is unique in its international nature in this field and is able to count key

opinion leaders as well as experts with a global reputation among its membership. The ITI is further distinguished by the collegial spirit that flows through the entire organization and is felt in the attitude of generous exchange brought to all its activities.

The ITI focused initially on the areas of research, development and education in order to foster the development of the field as well as treatment approaches based on scientifically proven methodologies. Today the ITI concentrates primarily on education, while also continuing to support research through funding and is currently one of the largest non-governmental funding organizations in implant dentistry worldwide. Through a structure of bodies - the Board of Directors, centralized committees and national and regional Sections - the ITI spreads its evidence-based philosophy. The

four committees and Board comprise Fellows who volunteer their time to contribute to the running of the organization itself - Board of Directors, Section & Membership Committee - or to the areas supported by the organization - Education Committee, University Programs Committee, Research Committee. The main task of the Sections is to provide practitioners within their area with a framework of educational events and tools to support best practices in implant dentistry and also to offer them a forum for discussion and exchange at a national level. The ITI now has a total of 26 Sections around the world on every continent.

Among the events held by the ITI is the ITI World Symposium, which is widely acknowledged as the gold standard of implant dentistry congresses. It is complemented by national congresses in the intervening years. In addition to these larger events are local meetings such as ITI Study Clubs, which allow participants to benefit from each other's experience in an informal setting, as well as courses and workshops. The ITI also publishes reference works such as the very well received ITI Treatment Guide series, now in its fourth volume. In order to ensure that the content can be optimally appreciated, all Treatment Guides from volume 4 onwards are also being translated from English into a further seven languages. A frequently quoted reference source, the ITI Consensus Papers are published in a peer-reviewed journal every five years following ITI Consensus Conferences that unite experts from all over the world to debate current topics and formulate consensus statements based on the latest literature available.

In addition to events and publications, the ITI has also introduced a univer-

sity program where it coordinates with educational institutions around the world to offer ITI-quality courses. At the moment the course offering is restricted to ITI Education Weeks in seven approved institutions. In order to offer young practitioners the opportunity to gain experience under an experienced mentor, the ITI also offers around 20 Scholarships every year supported by a stipend at its 17 Scholarship Centers around the world.

In 2009, the ITI increased its total membership from 5,965 to 7,289, of whom 675 are Fellows and 6,614 are Members.

ITI Fellows

Fellows represent the ITI's inner core of membership. Entry is by nomination only. An ongoing and high degree of commitment in the fields of leadership, research, development or education is necessary to retain Fellowship status. Fellows may also serve on the ITI's committees or Board or take on functions in an ITI Section.

ITI Members

The ITI welcomes all dentists, physicians, scientists, certified dental technicians, registered dental hygienists and appropriately qualified professionals with an interest in implant dentistry as Members of the organization. Members benefit from the opportunity to meet like-minded professionals through national and international events and have direct access to information on the latest developments in the field.

More information on the ITI: www.iti.org

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Implementing the ITI Vision 2017 to ensure future growth and success.

2009 was significant both for the ITI and for me personally.

The highlight of the year was surely the ITI meeting in Copenhagen at the end of August.



Daniel Buser Dieter Weingart Pedro Bullón

Not only did record numbers of Fellows attend the annual general meeting (AGM) and scientific seminar, but the success of the Curriculum Library Conference held in the three days preceding the AGM, testified to the generous spirit that characterizes the ITI. It is this commitment and dedication that have allowed the ITI to grow into the highly successful and respected international organization it is today.

On a personal note, I am proud to take up the presidency from Dieter Weingart, who made a wonderful presentation at the AGM summarizing the many important developments that took place during his term of office. It is my goal as ITI President to implement and foster all the initiatives of our ITI Vision 2017 that we defined at our strategy meeting in 2007.

New ITI Committees

The two new ITI Committees that were recently established have already made good progress with their respective tasks. The ITI University Programs Committee is developing a program structure based on close cooperation between well established educational institutions and the ITI. This will further expand the global educational offering available to practitioners

that is in line with the principles and evidence-based philosophy of the ITI. The first ITI Education Week courses were held in 2009 and a full program is in place for 2010.

The new ITI Section & Membership Committee has started implementing processes to facilitate the smooth running of the national Sections. Its work involves many key tasks, of which the four-yearly fellowship review is at the top of the list. Significant progress has already been made in clarifying the criteria for maintaining fellowship and the review process will be a degree more rigorous than in the past. While it is our aim to increase our circle of Fellows, our standards of quality must remain high. As the number of our Sections increases, so does our need for qualified individuals to serve in the Section leadership and as ITI Speakers. Succession is an important consideration for every organization and a commitment to the Section can serve as the basis for later inclusion on the central committees and ITI Board. The Committee elections are coming up in 2011 and the ITI aims once again to promote young Fellows and women in particular in order to ensure injection of fresh blood into our leadership.



Stephen Chen Anthony Dickinson Hideaki Katsuyama

Improved communications

One of our priorities is to further improve our internal and external communication at several levels. Given the fact that a significant proportion of our membership is not fluent in English, the ITI Board decided at the Board Meeting in Nov 2009 to extend the range of languages in which we offer certain publications.

From 2010 onwards, all new volumes of the ITI Treatment Guide will be produced in eight languages: English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Chinese, and Brazilian Portuguese. The Forum Implantologicum will also follow. English will continue to be the main language and the language versions will be translated after the English master version is finished. This means there will be a delay of a few months before the language versions appear, but will, however, ensure the transfer of knowledge to our membership. Multilingual information will allow us to reach larger numbers of practitioners around the world and contribute to making the organization better known and more attractive. It is our ambition to continuously grow our ITI Membership, since this is the best basis for the successful dissemination of the ITI treatment philosophy.

Section visits

Another aspect of communication is meeting face to face. Last fall I started a round of visits that will hopefully take me to all ITI Sections by the end of 2010. A personal visit offers each Section the opportunity to talk about its local situation and needs. It also gives me the chance to talk about the ITI's expectations of the Sections and explain our overall strategies and goals. By the end of 2009 I had been able to visit the Australian as well as the South American Sections and found the visits very valuable. We have now managed to schedule visits for 2010 together with Friedrich Buck, Executive Director of the ITI, to almost all the Sections.

Friedrich Buck joined us in February 2009 and, in a very short time, he has managed to familiarize himself with the ITI and its goals. Today, he plays an important role within the ITI and fulfills the high expectations of the ITI Board. Given that the ITI is growing so quickly, we can also expect the ITI Center to grow in parallel in order to meet the organization's needs.

Networking and speaker supportOur meetings, study clubs, congresses and other educational events offer our membership the opportunity to



Thomas Taylor Gerhard Wahl Hans-Peter Weber

network and make contact with colleagues. We will continue to proactively develop our network of study clubs that are shaped to each country's needs. Additionally, in order to allow for a broader base of exchange, the ITI has been working on establishing and expanding our online offering to include a password-protected, dedicated, forum in the form of a community platform. This new forum will allow Fellows and Members within and beyond Sections to get into contact with one another. Work also continued on restructuring and filling our image library with the latest images from the ITI Treatment Guides and GOMI. The aim of the ITI Curriculum Library Conference in 2009 was similarly to offer our Speaker pool a structured modular source of up-todate reference data online.

ITI World Symposium

The organization of the World Symposium was one of our priorities in 2009 and we worked on finalizing the program and putting the logistical machine in motion to ensure that everything is in place for our 30th birthday in Geneva. The ITI World Symposium represents, above all, a celebration of the ITI and the fact that it has grown from a tiny group of visionary pioneers into a worldwide network of scientists, practitioners and academics who are shaping the future of implant dentistry. I am fully persuaded that once again the ITI World Symposium will be a stimulating scientific event with the main auditorium full to the final closing presentation.

Thank you

An annual report is an ideal opportunity to thank all those who have contributed their energy and expertise over the past year in support of our organization. There are hundreds of active ITI Fellows and Members, who in their various roles as committee members, Section leaders, Speakers or study club coordinators contributed selflessly and wholeheartedly to the achievement of our goals. A big "Thank You" goes to all of them: your work is highly appreciated!

We have exciting years ahead of us, challenges and opportunities. Let's continue in our efforts to implement the ITI Vision 2017 to ensure future growth and success!

Professor Dr. Daniel Buser **ITI President**

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ITI EDUCATION CORE GROUP AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Building educational resources to provide reliable and up-to-date information.

Stephen T. Chen, Chairman of the ITI Education Committee



In 2009, the Education Core Group concentrated on establishing and developing projects that will expand the ITI's online resources for its various audiences as well as finalizing its preparations for the ITI World Symposium in Geneva. The success of these projects is always dependent on the generosity of Fellows, who contribute their time and expertise and as such are a living example of the ITI spirit in action.

The Curriculum Library Conference, which brought together 45 ITI Fellows over three days, took place in Copenhagen at the end of August last year. The aim of the meeting was the creation of content for an online tool to provide ITI Speakers with a single source of up-to-date information on major topics in implant dentistry. The Speaker Library is part of the ITI's online offering, which is currently being revised and expanded.

The challenge of such an undertaking lies in the fact that knowledge is continuously being expanded and renewed. To accommodate this constraint, a system of focused questions reflecting the main interest in each topic was applied and then corresponding statements were developed based on the latest literature available. To these statements, the groups also added relevant graphics, tables and literature references. The result offers Speakers a reliable and broad basis, which they can use to create lectures and presentations. To ensure that the information available is as up-to-date as possible, the website provides a simultaneous federated search of bibliographical databases based on the keywords linked to the focused question.

The starting point for the project was to revise the existing taxonomy of the

prototype library and then assign the resulting list of topics to experts in each field. Of the 10 modules defined for the project overall, we focused on five during the conference:

- Diagnosis
- · Treatment planning principles
- Surgical principles
- · Restorative procedures
- · Treatment outcomes

The 45 Fellows were allocated to the five groups and sub-groups and spent three days in discussion, developing and fine tuning statements. The end result will replace the existing library, which was put in place some years ago and is no longer up to date nor easily navigable, and will be supplemented by the remaining five topics in 2011, following a second Curriculum Library Conference in November 2010.

Until now, no single portal or source that supplies all the most recent and relevant information on implant dentistry in a coherent way has been available. The new Curriculum Library aims to fill that gap. Developed with ITI Speakers in mind, this tool will streamline the process of preparing material for presentations and, as such, is most directly useful to the younger Sections where resources may be limited when putting together courses.

Sections

The Education Committee comprising the Education Core Group as well as all the Education Delegates continued in its work by implementing the decisions and initiatives of the Core Group within the national Sections. As a result, many Sections have expanded their study club program with more locations and greater frequency to offer their membership access to an informal venue for peer discussion

ITI Education Core Group

Chairman:

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Ruskin James D., USA

Wismeijer Daniel, Netherlands

Homm Michael, Switzerland

ITI Education Committee

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Giray Bahadir, Turkey

Head Timothy, Canada

Heitz-Mayfield Lisa, Australia

Homm Michael, Switzerland

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Katsuyama Hideaki, Japan

Juhani Laine, Finland

Leesungbok Richard, Korea

Martinet Douteau Jean Paul, Argentina

Redinha Luis, Portugal

Ruskin James, USA

Schmid Bruno, Switzerland

Su Yucheng, China

Terheyden Hendrik, Germany

Treviño Santos Alejandro, Mexico

Tsai Alex, Taiwan

Van Zyl Paul, South Africa

Voyiazis Sophocles, Greece

Wismeijer Daniel, Netherlands

and exchange. The number of national congresses held in 2009 in, among others, Australia, France, Italy, Japan, Spain, and the USA, similarly testify to our Sections' dedication to the ITI's aims of disseminating knowledge on all aspects of implant dentistry.

ITI World Symposium 2010

The bulk of the preparation for the 2010 World Symposium was carried out in 2009 by the 11-strong Scientific Program Committee. The program was finalized and speakers were approached and engaged. The Scientific Program Committee resolved to hold a research competition. The more than 170 submissions received for the oral and poster presentations demonstrated the ongoing strong interest in research among ITI Fellows and Members. The research session in the World Symposium provides an appropriate platform for Fellows and Members to share the results of their research and clinical experience.

Publications

Work continued on the Treatment Guide series and Volume 4 was in preparation during 2009 for publication in March 2010. The SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry was published in early 2009, two years after 28 Fellows from all over the world met to categorize treatment procedures in terms of their complexity according to the SAC (straightforward, advanced complex) classification at a Consensus Conference in Mallorca. The publication initially comprised a series of normative classifications, but was then extended to include a listing of case types. The volume was sent out to the then current ITI membership in April and has been received very enthusiastically. It is already regarded as a standard reference tool for practitioners when deliberating treatment approaches.

The SAC online

The SAC publication provided the inspiration for a further online tool on which development began in 2009. The SAC tool will allow users to key in all the relevant data for a case in order to generate a SAC classification indicating the degree of skill required and level of risk involved.

The ITI Board of Directors has decided that the SAC tool is to be made available to all users on the ITI public website so that as many clinicians as possible can take advantage of it.

Online offering

With its current focus on the Speaker Library, the ITI is working on expanding its online offering. Considerable additions were also made to the online image libraries, which now include all the images from the Treatment Guides and the GOMI. In addition to this, an ITI community platform is also opening up which will provide ITI Fellows and Members with an online forum through which they can communicate securely with one another.

NEW FELLOWS

Leadership, research, education and development: ITI Fellows must excel in two of these four areas in order to ensure that the field of implant dentistry continues to develop to the benefit of its patients and secure the future of the organization.

In 2009, the ITI Board of Directors approved the nominations of 64 Fellows from 21 countries who meet the above requirements. As the organization grows, it requires more Fellows to take an active part in running the Sections and serving as members of the committees and working groups that make a contribution to its goals. The ITI welcomes all the new Fellows to its global community.

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ITI RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Supporting research around the world.

Thomas D. Taylor, Chairman of the ITI Research Committee



The ITI's commitment to research is expressed in the considerable funds the organization allocates each year to individuals and groups. The number of grant applications received in 2009 came to 60. This represents a slight drop over the previous year and is no doubt in part a response to the clause introduced in 2009 that researchers who have already received an ITI research grant must wait for a period of three years before submitting a further grant application. This measure ensures that funding goes to a broader audience of researchers.

Of the applications received in 2009, 32 were for small grants up to CHF 50,000 and 28 were for larger projects with a limit of CHF 200,000. A total of 31 applications were rejected, eight were returned for revision and 21 accepted. Of the 21 applications accepted, 10 were for small grants and 11 for the higher grant category.

In total the Research Committee awarded CHF 1,740,887 for research funding in 2009. This was allocated to projects run by 18 universities and other institutions in Australia, Austria, Canada, China, Finland, Germany, Italy, Korea, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, and USA.

Incoming projects are always assessed on the basis of their relevance to implant dentistry today, the hypothesis and methods as they are outlined in the application, the general experience of the researcher(s) and finally the budget requested. A solid track record in publication is also an advantage.

The Research Committee welcomes applications that are submitted according to the guidelines provided on the ITI website. Applications should be clearly

laid out and presented so that the committee can understand the project's objectives, value and prerequisites as quickly and easily as possible. As there is a considerable degree of competition for the Foundation's funds, well presented applications with substance will be favored over poorly prepared submissions.

The Committee is ready to offer newer Sections assistance in the preparation of research grant applications and has done so in the past by visiting a Section and explaining the criteria and the role they play in the evaluation of projects. In China, for example, the number of applications made and grants awarded have increased since a Section coaching session clarified the Committee's needs for the Section.

Currently only the two categories of grant cited at the beginning are now available. At the end of 2008, two additional categories were removed. Research Program Projects for funds of up to CHF 500,000 and Single Laboratory Support for smaller laboratory start-up projects are no longer supported. This measure is intended to allow access to funds for a larger number of smaller projects.

ITI Research Committee

Chairman:

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Reichert Torsten, Germany Sándor George, Canada

Seto Kanichi, Japan

Terheyden Hendrik, Germany

Appert Christoph, Switzerland

2009 Research applications a	nd grants
Applications received	60
Applications accepted	21
Total grants*	1.741

^{*} in CHF million

2009 distribution of grants by classification



Systemic influence and osseointegration
Predictability of implant
restorations
Bone augmentation,
metabolism and implants
Risk factors for
dental implants
Implant tissue interface
Prosthetics including
occlusion, esthetics

13%

2%

26%

32%

24%

3%



At the end of its first full year of operation, the University Programs Committee is happy to report the successful launch of the ITI University Program. In the meantime, seven partner institutions worldwide have been confirmed that will organize ITI Education Weeks in future. In 2009, the first three ITI Education Weeks were held in Bern, Hong Kong and Stuttgart. The foundations for the ITI University Program are now firmly in place.

Establishing new programs can often prove more difficult than initially anticipated for various reasons, but is well worth the effort in order to achieve the goal of a closer and more systematic global collaboration with recognized institutions to deliver high level education courses in implant dentistry in line with the ITI's evidence-based philosophy.

The ITI already had a strong history of close collaborations with various universities around the world. Many of the ITI's Fellows are on the faculty of leading institutions and actively support the ITI's approach to education. The decision to create a more formalized educational program that would lead to a worldwide network was the catalyst for the formation of the ITI University Programs Committee.

During 2009, the Committee completed the selection and evaluation process for the first group of partner institutions that had been invited to apply. Various criteria were taken into consideration when looking for university partners, not least that the institution should have a solid track record in delivering this type of course, have state-of-the-art facilities in which to deliver the courses, be certified to offer continuing education credits and also that an ITI Fellow should already be on the faculty. The next step was to draft and negotiate agreements, a process that has become increasingly complex in today's bureaucratic world, but was in its final stages at the end of 2009.

The first official ITI Education Weeks were held in the second half of 2009 with very satisfactory attendance and excellent feedback. In their comments, participants were very positive about the live surgeries, the combination of hands-on and theoretical work, case presentations, workshops and the international nature of the events as well as the direct access to opinion leaders within implant dentistry. At the moment the program is limited to one course format, ITI Education Weeks. The highly successful Bern Education Weeks serve as a template to make this opportunity available to schools elsewhere in the world. Later on when the initial program

has established itself, the committee will consider the possibility of providing other types of courses.

Outlook

The objective of the ITI University Program is to give professionals in implant dentistry an opportunity to participate in ITI-quality courses that are strategically located around the world. The program also represents an opportunity to extend the process of cross-fertilization between institutions by bringing them into contact with one another and building up a dialog. The possibilities for the future are endless – in a number of years it may even lead to exchanges of faculty between partners.

A number of institutions have expressed interest in becoming part of the University Program and during the course of this year we will be considering whether we can and should expand the list of partners. The current economic downturn worldwide makes the careful assessment of interest in the program and its expansion even more essential. The Committee will evaluate and compare the Education Weeks to be delivered at various locations in 2010 and decide on future additions. Consideration will also be given to regional and language concerns that play an important role in the success of the program. Five ITI Education Weeks will take place in 2010 to be joined by a further two in 2011. The most important task immediately ahead of us is to raise awareness of the program within and beyond the ITI. The first University Programs Brochure was issued in early 2010 and will contribute to making the intentions and goals of the program known to a broader public.

ITI University Programs Committee

Chairman:

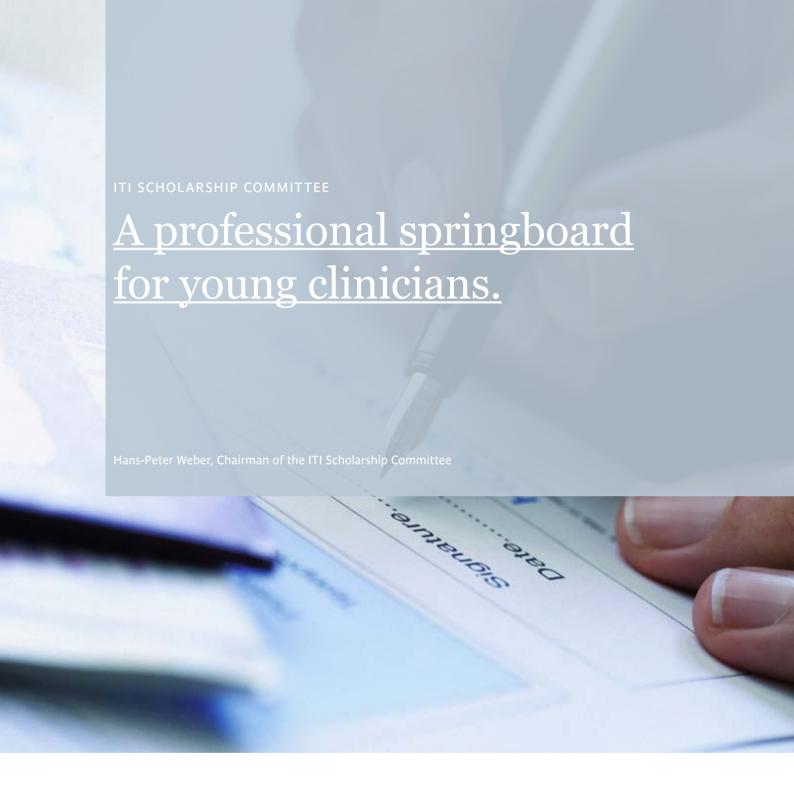
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Partner Institutions

- University of Bern, School of Dental Medicine, Bern, Switzerland
- Harvard School of Dental Medicine, Boston, USA
- University of Hong Kong,
 Prince Philip Dental Hospital,
 Hong Kong, SAR PR China
- University College of London,
 Eastman Dental Institute & Hospital,
 London, UK
- Klinikum Stuttgart, Katharinenhospital, Department for Oral-, Maxillo- and Facial Plastic Surgery, Center of Implant Dentistry, Stuttgart, Germany
- Bloorview Kids Rehab/University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada



The majority of ITI Scholars in the 2009/2010 scholarship year have started on their Scholarship journey and the Committee is already concentrating on applications for the upcoming period. The number of applications is growing year by year, and the program has become one of the most important sources of new talent in the ITI.

At the end of 2008, the Scholarship Committee had received approximately 100 applications, of which 70 were complete and contained all the required information. The Committee then undertook to rate all the valid applications according to three levels: well qualified, potentially qualified, not qualified. In the final count, 20 applicants were awarded a Scholarship and are currently spending their scholarship year in one of the 17 ITI Scholarship Centers around the world.

At the moment, we have 17 Centers after welcoming a new member to the group in Malmö, Sweden. Scholars at the Malmö Scholarship Center will be based at Malmö University in Stockholm, but will spend a substantial amount of their time at the Teaching Hospital in nearby Halmstad. This new ITI Scholarship Center offers hands-on training in patient care, involvement in treatment planning, surgical placement and prosthodontic treatment of implants, involvement in clinical implant studies as well as access to lectures and seminars both at the university and hospital.

During the year the Scholarship Committee and the ITI Center receive a lot of queries from potential applicants which make it clear to us that the objectives of the Scholarship year are often still not fully understood. The Scholarship year represents an opportunity for young clinicians to spend time at one of the ITI's Centers around the world being mentored by a leading implant dentistry practitioner. As each of the Centers defines its own program of activities, some may either be more surgically or prosthodontically oriented, others may offer equal time in both areas. The stipend that is awarded to the Scholars is not intended to act as a salary for the year, but is meant to help cover some of the accommodation and living costs involved. In some locations with a higher cost of living, the stipend does not fully cover all expenses and Scholars will have to call on funds of their own.

Our Scholarship section on the ITI website makes it clear that each Center has its own agenda and applicants should read each Center description carefully in order to assess whether the Center will offer what he or she is looking for.

Depending on the legal situation within each country and institution, Scholars may be permitted to treat patients after a certain time, including the placement of implants. Even if this is not the case, the experience will still be highly valuable as many benefits are associated with the Scholarship. It is an opportunity to work closely with an experienced clinician in an approved Center and learn about implant dentistry at many different levels. Scholars are able to start networking, initially with other current and former Scholars and also have the possibility to attend ITI events at a Section, national or international level depending on what is available in a particular year. Many former Scholars have used the year as a springboard that has led to interesting connections and valuable career opportunities. As such, the Scholarship provides an excellent platform from which Scholars can gain exposure within the field and also rise within the ITI.

We are constantly updating the information on the Scholarship page to make the application experience easier for candidates and the FAQ is particularly useful as it answers many of the questions that candidates regularly have. Candidates are encouraged to read the information carefully before starting the application process.

ITI Scholarship Committee

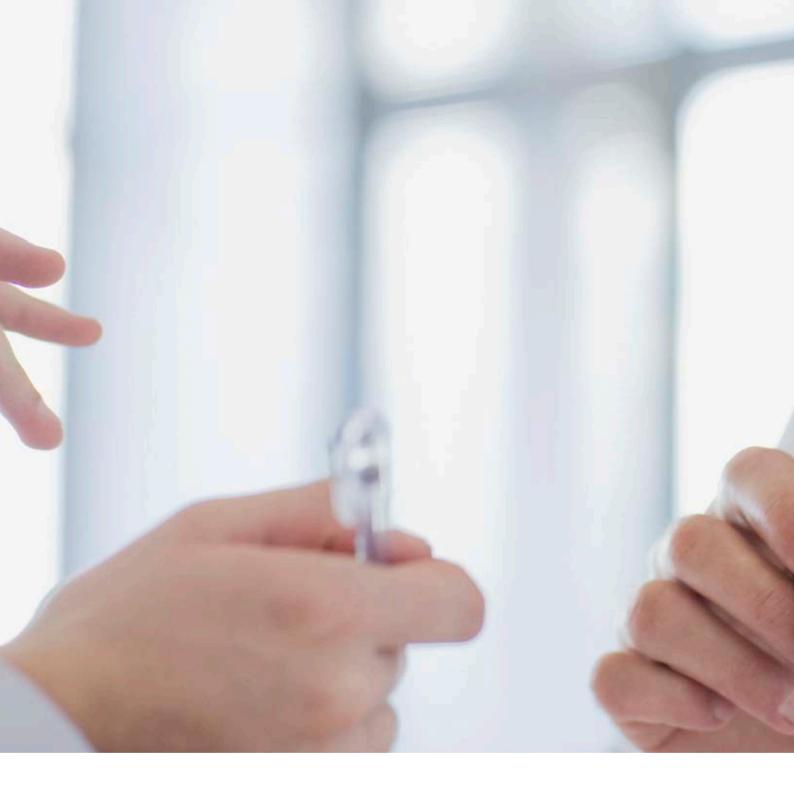
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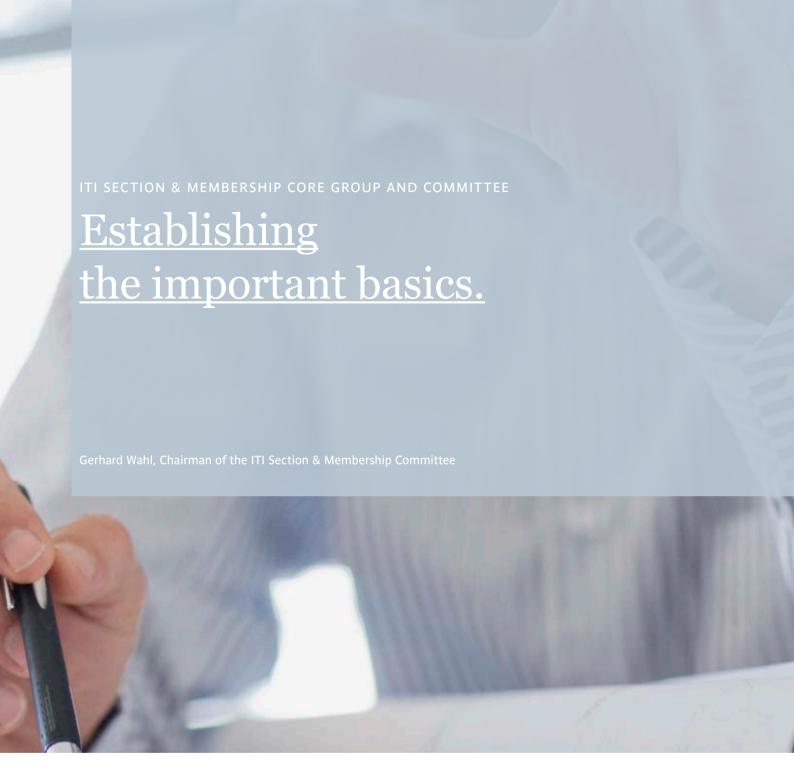
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Tsai Alex, Taiwan

Matter Sandro, Switzerland





2009 was a year in which more questions were raised than answers found, but these questions are helping us to define the gaps that exist between how our Sections appear on paper and how they each run in reality. Understanding what lies behind these gaps will help us to support our Sections better. At the same time, we also continued to work on the issue of the benefits we offer our Fellows and Members and how we can not only offer more, but

also ensure that the benefits we offer are the right ones.

Copenhagen meeting

The highlight of 2009 for the Section & Membership Core Group and Committee was the meeting we held in Copenhagen, to which were invited not only all the Section Chairmen but exceptionally also all the Section Administrators. It was immediately clear to everyone present that inviting the Section Administration.

ITI Section & Membership Core Group

Chairman:

Wahl Gerhard, Germany

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istrators was a very beneficial move as they are the individuals who deal with the administrative and financial aspects involved in running a Section. As always, a meeting in which all the parties meet face to face is infinitely more valuable than long email exchanges and can achieve more.

Our organization has rapidly increased in size over the last few years and we now have 26 Sections, but our budget remains approximately the same. Each year we are faced with the question of how to allocate our budget fairly among all the Sections and we do this on the basis of the budget estimate supplied by each Section. What became clear during the discussions in Copenhagen is that although we have relatively clear financial guidelines for activities supported by the ITI, many Sections deviate from them to a greater or lesser degree, not out of a spirit of rebellion, but rather as a result of the individual socio-cultural background that dictates how it is appropriate to carry out activities in that particular country. The result is that where one Section may allocate a seemingly disproportionately large sum to entertainment, another claims for travel costs that go far beyond what can be supported centrally by the ITI. In our position, it is often very difficult to assess these expenses and the extent to which they are considered valid within a given environment. Given the total budget available to us and the number of Sections, we adjust the budgets accordingly. Although compromises are regularly made, the Section & Membership Core Group aims to streamline and clarify the existing guidelines. To this end we are slowly compiling a Section handbook, which will apply to all the Sections and will be more strictly enforced than currently.

Another good reason for a Section handbook is that while well established Sections have gathered experience on how to organize activities such as courses and workshops, for the newer and younger Sections with fewer Fellows and Members, this can still present a problem. The handbook will offer practical information that can be used to shape activities.

As part of our work allocating the budget, we have seen that Sections sometimes overestimate the number of activities they can actually carry out and, for many normally good reasons, some activities do not take place. In real terms this means that near the end of the year, we have found that funds are still available for Section activities. The committee has discussed allocating these funds to spontaneous activities as long as requests are accompanied by a detailed plan describing the activity and venue with costing and an estimated number of participants.

The discussions and observations of this first year have given us much food for thought. Among the questions raised are how long will it be possible to manage the administration of the Sections centrally from the ITI Center and will it be necessary at some point for the Section Administrators to take on more of this work? Similarly, the issue of geographical areas where there is no infrastructure for administrative support currently limits our possibility to set up a Section. We have approached this issue by defining areas where there are Fellows in a number of neighboring countries with a shared language. In 2009, the Middle East Section was created, which is made up of Fellows from 12 Arab states as well as one Fellow from Pakistan. Another solution is for isolated Fellows to see if they can work

together with Fellows from another Section. The German Section enjoys the company of a Fellow from Iceland who speaks German, while another Icelandic Fellow is often involved in the UK Section's activities.

Job descriptions

One of the processes that helped crystallize our thoughts was the development of job descriptions for the Section leadership. We now have job descriptions for all the Section officers and the Corresponding Editor and in order to arrive at these definitions it was necessary to enumerate all the work carried out by the Section and the routes by which it needs to be achieved. It is important to understand this division of responsibilities and we will work on refining it based on the feedback we have received from the Sections and will receive in future.

Feedback from the Sections is similarly crucial in regard to the benefits offered to Fellows and Members by the organization. Providing certain of our publications in a number of languages is seen as a benefit and we are certain that our Sections can supply us with further insights into possible benefits, make suggestions on how to optimize our membership offering and provide feedback on steps we have already taken.

Fellowship nomination

Refining the Fellowship Nomination process is still the focus of our attention. Now that the organization has grown so large, we have a much larger core of Fellows than in the ITI's formative years when the total was deliberately kept to 50. Nowadays we need more Fellows for their active role in the running of the Sections but it is also important that our standards remain high and that a good balance of skills is

maintained within each Section, with expertise in all the required areas. As the nominators as well as the Sections take on greater responsibility in the Fellowship Nomination process, it is vital that they keep this balance in mind and foster it actively.

In 2010 we will continue to build on the foundations we laid in place in 2009 – a year devoted to fortifying the administrative basis on which we operate our Sections and how they fulfill their objectives.

ITI Section & Membership Committee

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Funakoshi Eiji, Japan

Garcia Lara Juan Carlos, Mexico

Gebran Georges, Middle East

Grunert Ingrid, Austria

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A dynamic online platform for enhanced exchange.

The ITI has a tradition of networking and international cooperation. For a long time, the classic channels of communication were symposia, Section meetings, letters, telephone, fax and, since the introduction of digital communication, email. More recently, another channel of information exchange has taken center stage: the internet as the medium used to organize internal and external communication offerings around a dynamic corporate website. In 2009, the ITI picked up the threads of many different ongoing and new online activities with the goal of weaving them together as an integrated whole.

The ITI has long had an international website that is open to the public. It also has an internal platform – the ITI Knowledge Network – which is home to various services and tools that were previously mainly geared towards ITI Speakers. By the end of 2009, a new framework was in development for launch in 2010. The new set-up offers an integrated platform with a single login for access to authorized services and a broader range of offerings for the ITI's various target audiences, with special emphasis on Member benefits.

SAC Assessment Tool

The online SAC Assessment Tool is an interactive service provided free of charge by the ITI to all practitioners seeking to assess the risks and complexity of treatment plans for individual cases. The gesture of making this tool publicly available underlines the ITI's commitment to ensuring that patients receive the best-possible treatment and maintaining quality assurance within the field.



The SAC Assessment Tool is derived from the content found in The SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry that was published by the ITI in early 2009. Based on a Consensus Conference held in 2007, where a working group of Fellows met to achieve consensus on the features that enable classification of cases as straightforward, advanced or complex, the **SAC Classification in Implant** Dentistry represents the concen-

trated knowledge and practical experience of the ITI over its 30 years of existence.

The SAC Assessment Tool distills that knowledge in an easyto-use process that takes the user through each step necessary to arrive at a normative complexity and risk classification of surgical and restorative cases. The Tool allows for a specific assessment of potential risks and complications along the entire rehabilitation process, taking into account:

general factors relating to the individual patient

- number and degree of difficulty of the planned treatment steps different treatment modalities
- site-specific factors
- esthetic factors

In addition to providing implant practitioners with a risk assessment and management tool, this innovation allows them to better match cases to their skills and level of experience at the same time as developing their knowledge at a theoretical level. The SAC Assessment Tool also has a strong role to play in implant dentistry education, where it can be used to develop educational formats that approach both theoretical and practical aspects currently applied.

The public face of the organization: www.iti.org

The ITI website is the first place most people look if they are interested in finding out more about the organization. It offers an overview of the organization's goals and activities within a few mouse clicks.

Every website goes through periodic updates and redesigns to keep pace with developing needs and the ITI's website has now been streamlined and refreshed in order to offer easier and faster access to its information and services. The design ensures a consistent visual approach on all the ITI's pages and facilitates navigation.

There is a significant new addition to the home page: the ITI SAC Assessment Tool. This tool (see box) is based on the content of the recent SAC publication and has been located on the ITI's public website as a service to all practitioners that is free of charge. It allows users to check on the degree of complexity or risk of a particular case and indication so they can decide whether they have the skills and experience necessary to ensure the long-term rehabilitation of their patients.

As well as being the public face of the ITI, the home page is also the entry point to the organization's internal platform, which has now been reengineered as a comprehensive interactive online portal for all ITI Members and Fellows called the ITInet. A single login and password give every Member and Fellow access to all the general functionalities and for those with specific roles such as ITI Speaker or committee member it provides access to dedicated areas on the site.

ITInet

The ITInet reflects not just a change in name and look, but more importantly a significant upgrade in content, interactive services and technology. It is the successor to the ITI Knowledge Network and

offers new and continuously updated dynamic content, faster access times as well as a look that is in line with the global website.

Social and professional networking

With its tradition as a network of specialists and friends, it is clear that the ITI needs a meeting place in the virtual world in addition to its regular meetings at national and international congresses, ITI Study Clubs and Section meetings. This virtual space is not intended to replace, but to complement existing channels and also bridge geographical distances within a secure environment. Everyone who becomes a Member automatically receives a login and password for the ITInet and this allows them immediate access to three areas: a global ITI discussion forum, a Section area for Fellows and Members from that Section only, and a personal area for individual use intended to expand personal networks and enable ongoing contact with new friends and colleagues.

These three interaction zones can be used in different ways. The Section area allows for topics of local or national interest to be followed up by members of that Section only. To cast a wider net, topics can be launched in the global forum. In the personal area, members can invite any other member to become part of their circle of contacts for individual exchange.

As well as posting topics for discussion in the Section or global discussion forums, it is also possible to chat in real time with individual personal contacts, who happen to be online, just by clicking on a name in the continuously updated list of logged-in contacts. Each user also has full editing rights to his or her own personal profile data.

These possibilities for discussion and exchange represent a wonderful opportunity to take advantage of the collective knowledge owned

by the ITI community. When the system is being used to full capacity, it represents a gateway towards solving problems or at the very least collecting valuable information from a worldwide community of experts. The choice of subject is up to each individual and the discussion forums can be used for anything ranging from clinical questions to tips for restaurants and hotels when away from home.

The success of the system depends on the contributions made by users and these will no doubt take a little time to build up momentum, but it is clear that a modern organization must have a virtual meeting space in order to fulfill today's needs for a full range of communications tools.

Targeted tools

Promoting education is one of the ITI's central activities and one of the ways in which it achieves its objectives is by providing ITI Speakers with tools that facilitate the preparation of presentations and lectures. The most recently installed tool is the new ITI Speaker Library that is complemented by an extensive image library to which all approved ITI Speakers have access.

ITI Speaker Library

An up-to-date reference database with well organized and peer-reviewed source information that provides ITI Speakers with a valuable aid in the preparation of informative and accurate presentations. That was the goal of the Curriculum Library conference held in Copenhagen 2009, where a working group of Fellows met to discuss and validate previously assigned topics that would form the first five modules of the new ITI Speaker Library.

In its original form, the library was a project that had been started by the Australian Section and was then taken up and developed by the US Section. Its major limitation was the static nature of the information it contained and this was the challenge faced by the ITI Speaker Library team.

With a number of Fellows assigned to each topic or sub-topic, a system of focused questions and answers was developed that reflect the latest findings in literature and evidence-based clinical expertise. To enter the library, users click on one of the five modules in the left-hand navigation: diagnosis, treatment planning, surgical procedures, restorative procedures or treatment outcomes. This opens up a sub-hierarchy of further topics, each with their own set of focused questions.

The ITI's own library view with the focused questions is a good place to start, but three external reference sources – PubMed, Cochrane and Google Scholar – are also available that automatically provide information on the selected topic. Together these four sources of information will offer ITI Speakers an excellent basis from which to start organizing information for a presentation based on peer-reviewed ITI content as well as external content.

In November 2010, the ITI Speaker Library group will gather once again to work on the five remaining subject areas left to complete the Library: anatomy, biology and physiology of peri-implant tissues; implant systems and basic principles; dental laboratory procedures; etiology and management of complications; and new technologies and developments. With the addition of these five subject areas, the ITI Speaker Library will offer close to one hundred individual reference modules.

The ITI Speaker Library also provides a second approach to finding information: the cluster search function. This works according to key words and phrases for which the engine scans each internal and external database simultane-

ously, carrying out a federated search. The search results are dynamically clustered by the search engine according to identified key terms. By applying additional filters, users can further refine their search as required so that documents relating only to cases, comparative studies, or clinical trials, for example, are included. By drawing on four different and valuable scientific sources and by aggregating the results into topic groups, this powerful search function allows users to launch their own research into various subjects. This function was greeted with great enthusiasm during pilot runs.

Image library

Accurate and attractive images can clarify and enhance every presentation, which is why the ITInet also offers an extensive library of illustrations. While it is the ITI's belief that ITI Speakers should always use their own clinical photos to accompany presentations, it has made available all the graphics that appear in ITI publications. This includes all Treatment Guide volumes to date as well as the SAC publication and the Glossary of Oral and Maxillofacial Implants (GOMI). In addition, the image library features a comprehensive database of product graphics, comprising more than 2,000 items as well as a series of modifiable graphics that allows ITI Speakers to customize illustrations in line with their own needs. The image library represents a rich source of supporting material to complement the information provided by the ITI Speaker Library.

ITI Sections.

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Enrique Fernández Bodereau



Education Delegate:
Jean-Paul Martinet



Section Administrator:
Pablo Turek

Argentine Section

In March the Section kicked off its activities for the year with a Speaker Development Course on 3D tomography and digital photography for a small group of Members and Fellows who traveled to the city of Colonia, Uruguay and enjoyed the two-day course in a beautiful setting overlooking the river. It was a very rich experience as the highly expert speaker, Mike Dos Reis Bueno, gave an excellent course and provided participants with techniques to achieve professional images. A photography competition was held among the attendees and a prize was awarded to the winning picture.

Four Section Meetings were held in different cities across the country (Córdoba, Rosario, Buenos Aires and Mendoza) and the topic at all four events was Volume 3 of the ITI Treatment Guide. It was considered important to give as large a slice of the dental community the opportunity to participate despite the difficult economic environment. These Section meetings also aimed to promote ITI membership and attract new Members. In addition, a Study Club was offered to Members and attendees really appreciated the debate over clinical cases, so the Sections are considering holding more Study Clubs next year.

The Argentine Section also had a visit from ITI President Professor Buser, who lectured at the National Argentine Odontological Association Congress (AOA) and gave a highly successful eight-hour course that was attended by 850 people.

In the second half of the year, the Section leadership team together with the Fellows worked on organizing the first national ITI Argentine Congress entitled "Keys to Simplifying Implantology" to be held on September 24 and 25, 2010. Six international Speakers will lead the Congress and at least 600 people are expected.

In 2009, the number of Members increased from 73 to 110, while Fellows went from 12 to 14.

Australasian Section

The main aims of the Australasian Section for 2009 were to establish ITI Study Clubs in each major city and also to consolidate its growth in membership. At the Leadership and Fellow meetings in February, the Section made plans for its educational events in the form of courses and Study Club evenings as well as a national congress that took place in Adelaide on July 31 and also provided an opportunity for a further Fellow meeting.

During the year, the Section held a full program of courses, both restorative and surgical as well as a course devoted to diagnosing and managing perimplant disease. The Section managed to hold ITI Study Clubs in all its major cities (Melbourne, Sydney, Perth, Brisbane, Canberra, Adelaide, Hobart, Wollongong and Auckland, New Zealand) and also established two regional centers in New South Wales.

In September, ITI President Professor Daniel Buser paid the Section a visit and took part in a Leadership meeting. He also gave a one-day course on esthetics in implant dentistry which was very well attended.

The Section's public face in the form of its website at www.iti.org/australasia was also given a new look, which was greeted with very positive feedback by the Section's Members and Fellows.

During 2009, the number of Members rose from 406 to 485, while the number of Fellows stayed constant at 25.

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Stephen Chen



Education Delegate: Lisa Heitz-Mayfield



Section Administrator:
Angela Young

Austrian Section

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Ingrid Grunert



Education Delegate: Alexander Gaggl



Section Administrator: Christian Essl

At its Section meeting in Klagenfurt in January, the Austrian Section defined a number of goals for the year, the prinicipal of which was to grow the Section while carrying out the ITI's mission to promote and disseminate knowledge about implant dentistry. One way of achieiving both goals was through ITI Study Club meetings, which were held in 14 cities around the country and received very positive feedback. These were supplemented by single-evening educational meetings and ITI courses. The Section also supported its Speakers with activities such as the digital photography course. The first national congress of the Austrian Section focusing on intra- and interdisciplinary cooperation is to be held in Salzburg on September 16-17, 2011 and preparation began in 2009.

The Section's annual meeting was held in Vienna in September and Drs Röckl, Hess and Peer as well as dental technician Christoph Müller were invited to speak. In September, and also in Vienna, the Section organized an educational event to which Professor Axel Zoellner was invited to speak on the topic of "Revolution vs. evolution in prosthetic approaches".

There was a change of Section officer during the year when Ulf-Christian Henschen passed on his duties as Section Administrator to Christian Essl.

By the end of the year, the number of Fellows remained steady at 15 while the number of Members increased from 48 to 75.

Belgian Section

The Belgian Section prepared a busy program of activities including the Section's first Benelux Section meeting, which was held in cooperation with the Dutch Section and attracted an audience of more than 100 participants. The meeting was entitled "New materials, proven methods" and included presentations from three international Speakers: Bilal Al-Nawas, Paolo Casentini and Frank Schwarz.

The Section held five leadership meetings as well as a number of Section meetings. The latter were complemented by scientific activities that attracted sizable audiences. At one such meeting, 80 professionals came to listen to Professor Hammerle talk about GBR and another well attended event was a talk given by Professor Sculean on periodontal treatment.

Theme nights were organized on subjects that included topics such as guided surgery, immediate loading, Piezosurgery, overdentures and small diameter implants. And to support the use of the Treatment Guide series, the Section also organized several ITI Study Club evenings that were led by ITI Fellows.

Near the end of the year, Section Chairman Jan De Boever handed over his duties to Geert Orbie. The Section would like to thank Jan de Boever for his hard work in establishing the Section and taking it through its first two years.

At the end of 2009, the Belgian Section had 9 Fellows and increased the number of its Members from 90 to 108.

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Jan de Boever



Education Delegate:
Didier Blase



Section Administrator:
Dries De Pauw

Brazilian Section

Section Officers

Section Chairman:
Waldemar Daudt Polido



Education Delegate:
Alessandro Lourenço



Section Administrator:

Hans-Andreas Aebi

The Brazilian Section's first Section meeting of the year took place in April and the 20 Fellows present elected a new leadership team to take over from January 2010. The new Section Chairman is Dr. Maurício G. Araújo and the Education Delegate is Dr. Julio César Joly. The Section would like to thank the outgoing Chairman and Education Delegate: Waldemar Polido and Alessandro Januário, respectively, for their hard work and success in expanding the Section's activities.

Four regional Section meetings were held throughout the year, each at a strategic location in the north, south, west and east of the country and always in combination with an influential congress. The first meeting took place in Fortaleza and was attended by 300 professionals. In September a second meeting was held in São Paulo and the ITI's scientific lounge was attended by 700 participants. Also in September, the capital Brasilia welcomed 100 participants to the mid-west meeting. Finally in October, Vitória was the location for the last regional meeting with 250 participants.

The Brazilian Section has developed an excellent network of ITI Study Clubs, 29 of which took place in 16 cities in nine different states with the participation of 650 dentists. Speaker development also continued with a workshop for 37 ITI Speakers in Gramado – known as the little Switzerland of Brazil. The program covered various aspects of presentation for Mac and PC users as well as offering guidance on the levels of evidence-based science and research tools.

With 230,000 dentists in Brazil, the Section is determined to increase its membership figures by providing activities that are attractive to non-Members. Accordingly, all the regional ITI meetings in 2009 were also open to non-Members. In addition to its leadership team, the Section has also established Education and Membership working groups, comprising the outgoing leadership team as well as Fellows Mauro Tosta, Wagner Duarte and Fabio Tunes. The main task of these working groups is to increase membership levels as well as Fellow and Member participation of ITI activities throughout the country. The main event for 2010 will be the 3rd ITI Brazil Congress in September 2010.

At the end of 2009, the number of Fellows in the Brazilian Section had increased from 26 to 33, while the Member figures went from 196 to 229.

Canadian Section

The Canadian Section continues to grow and its current focus is on providing events that respond to regional needs. The geographical size and spread of Canada makes it difficult for Fellows and Members to meet on a regular basis and the establishment of regional ITI Study Clubs has provided venues that can be reached without involving extensive travel. Currently there are ITI Study Club locations in Montreal in the east and Toronto in the center as well as Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver in Western Canada.

The Section is also looking to increase its level of contact and exchange with other Sections and several of its Speakers have been invited to speak at activities organized by other Sections.

At the end of 2009, the Canadian Section had 33 Fellows and 255 Members.



Section Chairman: George K.B. Sándor



Education Delegate: Timothy W. Head



Section Administrator: Alain Laroche

Chinese Section

In its second year of operation, the Chinese Section was very active in various fields of operation. The Section undertook to translate Volumes 2 and 3 of the Treatment Guide series as well as The SAC Classification in Implant Dentistry and the Consensus Paper based on the 4th ITI Consensus Conference in Stuttgart that was published in late 2009.

The Section is keen to awaken interest within the country and committed considerable time to establishing the Section website which is kept up to date with news of meetings, courses and events. Assistance in how to prepare research grant applications for best possible results was provided during a visit made by Niklaus Lang and Walter Widmer from Hong Kong and Switzerland, respectively. Various additional meetings were held throughout the year for educational and administrative purposes. Among them, the ITI Study Club concept is working well in China and in 2009, 12 Study Club meetings were held in Beijing and Hangzhou.

At the end of October, the Section held its annual meeting combined with a science seminar. This also provided the opportunity for Section Officer elections during which Zaolin Wang was elected Section Chairman and Lei Zhou was elected Education Delegate.

In 2009 the Chinese Section increased the number of Fellows by one to 11 and its Members by 30, from 58 to 88.

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Zhiyong Zhang



Education Delegate: Yucheng Su



Section Administrator: Xuejun Li

Danish Section

Section Officers

Section



Section Chairman: Merete Aaboe



Education Delegate: Simon Storgård Jensen



Section Administrator:
Per Jensen

"Predictability in Implant Dentistry" was the topic of the second Danish national ITI congress held in Nyborg in May 2009. With more than 130 participants and Danish as well as international Speakers, the congress was judged a success. The faculty included Danish Fellows Simon Storgård Jensen and Andreas Stavropoulos as well as Stephen Chen and Anthony Dickinson from the Australian Section, who provided not only informative but also entertaining presentations. In parallel to the congress, the Section also held its first course for dental assistants and technicians which was run by Fellows Peter Marker and Søren Ahlmann.

In combination with the congress, the Fellows also held a meeting at which the new Section Administrator Klaus Thomassen was welcomed.

The Section's annual meeting was held in Copenhagen in August together with a scientific seminar and the Section also held a series of educational evening meetings in various parts of the country that attracted in total more than 350 participants.

By the end of 2009, the Danish Section had 12 Fellows and 234 Members.

Dutch Section



Section Chairman: Chris ten Bruggenkate



Education Delegate: Daniel Wismeijer



Section Administrator:
Wim van Dam

The Section's annual meeting combined business with pleasure by offering a series of lectures followed by a social evening. The topic of the meeting was the connection between endodontology and Implantology and included a lecture by Professor Marc Quirynen. A representative of Dutch watch maker Van der Klaauw was invited to speak and underlined the link between the precision watch industry and implantology. The Section will be organizing more similar evenings in order to promote networking within the Netherlands.

The Dutch Section also cooperated with the Belgian Section in order to run its first Benelux meeting at the end of September. With more than 100 participants, the meeting ran under the heading "New materials, proven methods" and included presentations by three international speakers: Bilal Al-Nawas, Paolo Casentini and Frank Schwarz.

At the end of the year, Section Administrator Wim van Dam handed over his duties to Joos van Riet. The Section would like to thank Wim for his outstanding contribution.

By the end of 2009, the Section had 13 Fellows and had grown from 173 to 210 Members.

Finnish Section

The Finnish Section was established in 2009 with the aim of putting structures and plans in place for the Section's growth from 2010 onwards. Section officers were elected and a working group was chosen in order to start planning for the Section's first national congress in 2011. At the same time the Section also developed a plan for ITI Study Clubs throughout the country, particularly in rural areas, and is concentrating on setting up mentor groups to support these Study Club activities. Cooperation with the Scandinavian Sections is also considered very important and efforts will be made to coordinate activities. ITI Honorary Fellow Professor Christiaan

ten Bruggenkate from the Netherlands has agreed to mentor the Finnish Section.

The Section has got off to a good start and the number of Members rose as soon as the schedule of activities for the coming year was made public. The Section is also looking to identify potential Fellows among its membership.

By the end of its first year of operation, the Finnish Section had 11 Fellows and 35 Members.

Section Officers S T

Section Chairman: Tom Lindholm



Education Delegate: Juhani Laine



Section Administrator:
Pauliina Pukko

French Section

2009 started with the highly successful second national congress entitled "The keys to success in dental prosthetic implants" held in Paris in January and attended by 350 dentists and dental technicians. The congress focused on dental implants in terms of their esthetic, mechanical and functional aspects in a series of lectures delivered over two days by national and international Speakers, including Urs Belser, Francesca Vailati, Anselm Wiskott and Joseph Kan, who all contributed to the success of the congress.

Section elections took place mid-year and a new leadership team was selected with Paul Rousseau as Chairman, and Hervé Buatois as Education Delegate, while Guillaume Daniellot remained in his role as Section Administrator.

The new team immediately got down to planning an educational program for 2010 to respond to the needs of French dentists all over the country. The program is called the ITI Campus and is made up of three centers located in Marne-La Vallée, the west and the south. The ITI Campus will provide basic and advanced courses and will allow practitioners to participate in treatment planning, surgical and prosthetic practical and clinical sessions as well as observing live sessions.

By the end of 2009, the French Section had 10 Fellows and increased its Members from 46 to 68.

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Paul Rousseau



Education Delegate: Hervé Buatois



Section Administrator:
Guillaume Daniellot

German Section

Section Officers

Section Chairman:
Gerhard Wahl



Education Delegate: Hendrik Terheyden



Section Administrator:

Thomas Kreuzwieser

The Section's annual meeting took place, as always, in February in Eltville-Rheinhartshausen, where a new Section Administrator joined the team. From now on Thomas Kreuzwieser will be supporting the Section in its administrative matters and thanks go to Andreas Nitschke for all his good work.

The Section launched its Study Club program in two cities – Bonn and Puchheim – the former organized by Professor Wahl and the latter by Dr. Nieberler. Further Study Clubs are being planned in other locations for 2010. Speaker support was also provided in the form of two workshops

on presentation technique and photography.

In order to attract more new and younger Members, the Section organized a YOUNG ITI meeting in July with a focus on current and future-oriented procedures. The Section also set up a process by which the Section office is able to deal with requests for jobshadowing experience.

By the end of 2009, the German Section had 81 Fellows and 288 Members.

Greek Section

The aim of the Section in 2009 was to increase its membership and also develop its educational program. During the year, the Section held three leadership meetings, one Section meeting, three Study Clubs as well as a prosthetic seminar course in Athens. This was the first such course focusing on prosthetic implant restorations and it successfully combined theory with hands-on work.

The Section meeting in September had a scientific program on bone implant indications and prosthetic considerations in partially/totally edentulous patients that was delivered by guest speaker Professor Bjarni Pjetursson. There was also an opportunity for suitably qualified Members who are interested in becoming approved Speakers to hold a short presentation.

In November, the Section launched its implantology course for 15 to 18 participants that runs over 8 weekends. The course is structured in a progression of simple, advanced and complex level elements and leads to a Certificate of Implantology. The course involves lectures, hands-on work, observation of live surgeries, literature assessment and presentations before culminating in final exams. With this course, the Section has managed to put together a comprehensive implant curriculum that covers treatment planning, therapeutic principles and clinical applications of modern Implantology.

By the end of 2009, the Greek Section had 5 Fellows and 90 Members.

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Nikitas Sykaras



Education Delegate: Sophocles Voyiazis



Section Administrator:
Alex Kosmas

Iberian Section

With almost 2,000 participants, the seventh Iberian ITI congress that took place in Madrid in July had its highest attendance ever. For the first time, in addition to the ITI's commercial partner Straumann, the exhibition was opened to external companies. A date was set immediately afterwards for the next congress that will take place in Santiago de Compostela in 2012.

The Section held two Speaker support activities in July and November. The first was held in conjunction with the congress and the second took place in November in Madeira. Fellow meetings took place at the same time in order to continue planning the calendar for the upcoming season. Elections were held for a new Section Chairman and Juan Blanco will take over from Pedro Bullón in June 2010.

The Section also launched a new activity called Scientific Evenings, which target potential Members and offer existing Members an opportunity to enjoy interesting lectures at the same time as fulfilling the ITI's mission to disseminate knowledge in implant dentistry. Four such events were held in 2009.

By the end of the year, the Iberian Section had 35 Fellows and 304 Members.

Section Officers

Section Chairman: Pedro Bullón



Education Delegate (E): Javier Fábrega



Education Delegate (P): Luis Redinha



Section Administrator: Belén Fraile

Italian Section

Section Officers

Section Officers





Education Delegate: Luca Cordaro



Section Administrator:

Italo Vigano

The Section had a very active year and carried out a full program of educational activities. The year got off to a good start with the third national congress that was held in Milan in February 2009 and attracted more than 1,000 participants. A series of 12 SAC courses, five at the straightforward level and seven at advanced and complex level were held throughout the year.

The Section also established three further Study Clubs, raising the number from 18 to 21 with a total of 441 participants. A new type of course dealing with new technologies and introducing Bone Level implants as well as regenerative techniques was also introduced.

Six of these courses were run and attended by almost 700 participants in total.

At the beginning of the year, Italo Vigano took over as Section Administrator from Simo Beraha and at the end of the year passed on this responsibility to Albina Perversi.

By the end of the year, the Italian Section had 32 Fellows and had increased its number of Members from 273 to 414.

Japanese Section

Section Officers
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Section Chairman: Eiji Funakoshi



Education Delegate: Hideaki Katsuyama



Section Administrator: Takahisa Taoka

The acquisition of new Members was an important goal for the Japanese Section in 2009 and it set itself a goal of 500 Members for the end of the year. In order to support this growth, it was very active in its undertakings throughout the year.

One of the main events was the national congress held in February, whose 86 Speakers from 12 universities attracted 1,800 participants. The Section relocated its headquarters to the heart of Tokyo and held two Fellow meetings as well as a meeting in May at which more than 100 registrations were made.

In November, the Scientific Program Committee for the ITI Congress Japan 2011 was formed and held its first meeting in preparation for the next congress.

A total of 34 Study Club meetings were held throughout the year in various locations around the country with a total of 1,027 participants. In addition to the above activities, the Section also translated Volume 3 of the ITI Treatment Guide series which was published in June.

By the end of 2009, the Japanese Section had 26 Fellows and once again almost doubled its Members from 300 to 538.

Korean Section

In 2009, with the goal of developing its offering country-wide, during its leadership meetings the Korean Section approved 15 Study Clubs around the country and also defined how they should be run.

In order to have a promotional tool in hand, the Section created a Korean version of the ITI image brochure to pass out to potential Members. At the Section's annual meeting, which was attended by 60 Members and 30 non-Members, Section Chairman Prof. D. H. Han gave an overview of activities already implemented and presented the plans for the Section's future. Corresponding Editor Prof. B. S. Lee

introduced the ITI's mission and philosophy as well as the membership benefits, while Prof. R. Leesungbok and Prof. Y.D. Kwon provided updated lectures on surgical and prosthodontic aspects of implant dentistry within the ITI philosophy.

By the end of 2009, the Korean Section had grown from 9 to 12 Fellows and increased its Members from 47 to 70.

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Dong-Hoo Han



Education Delegate:
Richard Leesungbok



Section Administrator: Zi-In Lee

Mexican Section

Having been created in 2008, 2009 was the first full year in which the Mexican Section was able to establish and carry out activities. With the goal of increasing the number of Fellows and Members within the Section, four Leadership meetings were held to plan meetings and activities. As a result, four Study Clubs were held, a Speaker development course as well as one Section meeting, which drew the participation of around 500 professionals.

The activities organized by the Section have achieved a degree of recognition by the Mexican dental community, which the Section intends to build on. The Section meeting played an important role in this respect as it established the ITI as an academic organization and presence within Mexico.

By the end of 2009, the Section had grown from 5 to 10 Fellows and from 48 to 81 Members.

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Juan Carlos Garcia Lara



Education Delegate: Alejandro Treviño Santos



Section Administrator:
Andreas Müller

Middle East Section

Section Officers
Section



Section Chairman: George Gebran



Education Delegate: Ninette Banday



Section Administrator:

David Dias

The Middle East Section was created in the second half of the year as a region that unites Fellows and Members from 12 states in the Middle East as well as Pakistan. Approved in August at the AGM in Copenhagen, the Section officially celebrated its launch in early December in Beirut in the Lebanon.

The Section held its first Leadership meeting which was followed by a Section meeting in November in Abu Dhabi with a scientific presentation in the morning made by six of the participants. In the afternoon, discussion focused on plans for the future of the Section.

For 2010 the Section intends to develop an educational program based on the SAC concept. It is also planning to set up Study Clubs throughout the region with an associated mentoring program. Cooperation with local universities to develop postgraduate implantology curricula as well as research programs is also a goal. Speaker development has been scheduled and a Middle East ITI congress is projected for 2011.

The Section would like to thank the Section & Member Committee as well as the ITI Center for all the support they offered in expediting the establishment of the Section.

By the end of 2009, the Section had 11 Fellows and 55 Members.

South African Section

In 2009, the Section held 21 ITI events in South Africa and Namibia. The goal for 2009 was to establish Study Clubs across the country. The concept was launched at a Section meeting in Franschhoek and was followed by further Study Clubs in Port Elizabeth, Durban, Windhoek, Pretoria and Johannesburg. The Section plans to run at least three meetings at each location in 2010.

The February Section meeting also included an outstanding course on oral photography presented by Dr. Alessandro Devigus and in October the Section was visited by master dental technician Larry Brown at various locations throughout the country.

A Speaker Development course was also provided in November presented by Lisa Hadfield-Law from the UK, who is to be invited to do a follow-up course in 2010.

Among the highlights for 2010 is a midyear visit from ITI President Professor Daniel Buser and Professor Urs Belser.

By the end of 2009, the Section had 11 Fellows and had grown from 61 to 88 Members.

Section Officers S G

Section Chairman: Gerrit Wyma



Education Delegate:
Paul van Zyl



Section Administrator:
Peter Anderson

Swedish Section

The Section followed two separate lines of approach in 2009. On the one hand it made use of its Study Clubs to offer existing Members an interesting program and to attract new Members. It also continued to run a complementary program of annual ITI seminars throughout the country, which offer an opportunity to explain the ITI's principles and philosophy. The seminars also take place in Norway, where the ITI has 6 Fellows and 60 Members. Both sets of events were well attended and much appreciated. The Study Clubs are very successful as the topics selected for discussion reflect the clinical challenges faced by clinicians daily and which they rarely have the opportunity to discuss with their peers. The by now well established

ITI Seminars each attracted more than 100 participants and for the first time were presented exclusively by local and national Speakers.

By the end of 2009, the Section had 18 Fellows and had grown from 65 to 79 Members.

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Kerstin Fischer



Education Delegate:
Lars Ake Johansson



Section Administrator:
Ulf Wahlstroem

Swiss Section

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Christoph Hammerle



Education Delegate:
Bruno Schmid



Section Administrator: Heinz Frei Among the goals the Section set itself for 2009 were to raise Section membership above the 1,000 mark, organize around 80 Study clubs, organize a full program of education courses at all SAC levels in three languages and make the ITI name even better known in Switzerland.

The Section held 79 Study Clubs in 32 locations around the country and also organized 45 national as well as five international ITI courses. A two-day Speaker development seminar was held in Bern in November in which 52 ITI Speakers and Study Club coordinators participated. When speaking at this event, the newly elected ITI President Daniel Buser stated: "The Swiss ITI Section is one of the leading Sections, particularly in terms of Member acquisition, and is the role model for ITI Study Clubs".

The Section leadership remains unchanged and thanks go to Chairman Christoph Hammerle and Education Delegate Bruno Schmid for all the time and effort they invested in the organization and smooth running of Section activities.

By the end of 2009, the Section had grown from 70 to 73 Fellows and from 822 to 958 Members.

Taiwanese Section

The Taiwanese Section continued with its work increasing its numbers and making the ITI better known within the country. The Section meeting in May included lectures by Professor Matteo Chiapasco who brought with him surgical concepts that were new to his audience, which included more than 200 dentists.

One of the highlights of the year was the successful 3rd national congress that took place in August with 150 participants, despite the devastation brought by typhoon Morakot, which had swept through Taiwan on the previous day. The Section was honored to welcome Andres Stricker as its main Speaker at the congress, who spoke on functional and esthetic aspects for implant placements, advanced bone

augmentation procedures and stable soft tissue management for dental implants. In addition, more than ten graduate students and senior residents participated in the clinical and research competition sessions, which have become a traditional part as well as a highlight of the Taiwanese ITI national congress.

The Section is proud to acknowledge its ITI Scholars, one of whom came back from Bern in 2009 while another set off to Harvard

By the end of 2009, the Section had 5 Fellows and 29 Members.

Section Officers

Section Chairman: Chuen-Chyi Tseng



Education Delegate:
Alex Tsai



Section Administrator:
Susan Lee

Turkish Section

The Section continued in its work spreading the ITI philosophy around the country and acquiring new Members. The Study Club concept, which was launched two years previously, has grown slowly and steadily and in 2009 11 meetings were held in four different locations around the country, one more than in the previous year. In the Section's two Leadership meetings, decisions were taken about the running of the Study Clubs and their organization.

One Fellow and one Section meeting were held, the latter offered an interesting scientific program as well as information on upcoming activities and was preceded by a Speaker support course on dental imaging editing techniques. A total of eight single evening education courses were held in various cities as were a series of ITI education courses. The Section is confident that the communications work achieved through the various courses and meetings offered around the country will result in more Members over time.

By the end of 2009, the Turkish Section had 14 Fellows and 170 Members.

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Haldun Iplikcioglu



Education Delegate:
Bahadir Giray



Section Administrator: Cuneyt Bastimur

UK & Irish Section

Section Officers



Section Chairman: Philip Freiberger



Education Delegate:
Charlotte Stilwell



Section Administrator: Lizette Riley Two Section meetings were held in 2009. In May, a scientific program in the morning was followed by the Section's business meeting. At the second in November, Professor Andrea Mombelli presented a lecture "Success & Failure in Implant Dentistry" to over 90 ITI Fellows & Members. The Section was honored to welcome the Chairman of the French ITI Section and the Section Administrator of the Italian Section. The attendees were enthralled by Professor Mombelli's work which combines his extensive research and clinical experience. His presentation included "Decision Making", "Case Presentations" and "Systemic Health". It was heartening to see that seven former ITI Scholars attended and are still active in the Section.

Also in November, the Section held its first ever ITI Fellow's meeting where the Section plan for 2010 was presented along with an update for Fellows who hadn't been able to attend the Copenhagen meeting.

During 2009, 30 Fellows and Members became actively involved in developing the Section education program. In addition to the original Education and Mentoring Working Groups, two new groups addressed "quality of education" and "training needs of the wider dental team". In a project involving all the groups, the Section developed a Foundation Modular Program with concomitant practice-based mentoring to launch newcomers safely on their way to meet the UK's official Training Standards in Implant Dentistry. A fifth group started preparations for the next UK & Ireland Congress in 2011.

The Section had 18 ITI Study Clubs regularly running throughout the UK and Ireland, each with more than 20 attendees. 2010 will see the Section working hard with Study Club leaders to increase ITI membership.

A change in leadership for the Section in May resulted in the election of Philip Freiberger as Chairman and Charlotte Stilwell as Education Delegate. Lizette Riley is the Section Administrator and Joe Bhat the Corresponding Editor.

By the end of 2009, the Section had grown from 26 to 32 Fellows and from 477 to 488 Members.

US Section

The primary goals of the US Section for 2009 were the creation, organization and execution of a successful US ITI Congress, continued growth of Section membership and utilization of Study Clubs as a primary source for networking.

The 3rd US ITI Congress was held at the Westin Kierland Resort and Spa, in Scottsdale, Arizona on April 24 and 25, 2009. The theme of the meeting was "True North in Implant Dentistry: Taking Innovation to Clinical Reality". The meeting had over 660 attendees from all across the United States and offered over 30 different lecture opportunities.

An annual membership meeting was held prior to the opening of the congress for over 70 attendees. As the ITI's industry partner, Straumann USA, LLC organized the first ever Business Forum in combination with a congress on April 23, 2009 to allow attendees to learn the latest practice management techniques for their practices. The Business Forum attracted over 150 attendees and was viewed by all as highly successful.

Other events for 2009 included four study clubs with over 100 attendees. Among the topics were current concepts in implant dentistry, loading protocols and treatment planning. Thanks to their success, the number of study clubs is to be increased in 2010. In addition, the US Section is beginning to explore incorporating online learning into its offering for 2011.

The US journal Implant Realities continues to function as an added value to US Section membership. This journal is published twice a year and offers the membership publishing opportunities.

There were no changes to Section leadership in 2009, but a succession plan has been created and elections will be held during the Fellows' Annual Business Meeting in October 2010. The Section also continues to seek quality nominations for Fellows to increase the number of ITI leaders within the United States.

By the end of 2009, the US Section had 86 Fellows and increased its Members from 464 to 579.

Section Officers S H

Section Chairman: Hans-Peter Weber



Education Delegate:
James Ruskin



Section Administrator:
Michelle Stone

Financial report.

ITI Association

The steady growth in membership experienced in recent years continued with a 7% increase in the number of Fellows bringing the total to 676, while the number of Members increased by 23% to a total of 6,616. For the first time, revenues from membership fees topped the one million mark. The marginally lower operating costs in comparison to the previous year led to an overall operating profit of 97,000 Swiss francs. These costs include partial reimbursements made by the ITI Association to the ITI Foundation in return for its contribution to many membership activities and benefits. This positive result reflects the measures implemented throughout the year to address the drop in the Association's capital of the previous year.

ITI Association Financial Statement 20091

THE ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL Statement 2009		in CHF
	2009	2008
Revenues		
Annual Fellowship Fee, Net	273,759	176,628
Annual Membership Fee, Net	869,491	780,485
Other Income	520	4,050
Total Revenues	1,143,770	961,163
Costs		
Total Operating Costs	1,046,503	1,088,783
Operating Profit/Loss	97,267	-127,620

Extract from the financial statements. Complete financial statements for 2009 are available at the domicile of the ITI Association.

ITI Foundation

In line with the ITI's mission and aims for 2009, the ITI Foundation invested close to 11 million Swiss francs in support of projects and activities in the area of research and education in implant dentistry and related fields. For the first time, the financial statement includes revenues from education events. This reflects the introduction of the ITI University Program in the form of ITI Education Weeks that took place in 2009. The total Operating Revenues showed only a small rise to almost 13 million Swiss francs.

Structural adjustments resulting from the decisions taken at the 2007 AGM led to the introduction of a new cost center for University Programs, which now also includes the Scholarship program costs that were previously allocated to Education outgoings.

The work of the new Section & Membership committee in supporting Sections towards fulfilling their goals has been successful as is reflected in the higher expenditure – an increase of more than 0.5 million Swiss francs – recorded by the Sections on national educational activities for 2009.

Costs for General Administration, which encompasses among others all the costs for the IT infrastructure and maintenance, ITI Center staffing and office infrastructure, travel and accommodation for the various meetings, rose in 2009 by almost 0.5 million Swiss francs.

While education has in recent years become the largest area of expenditure, the financing of research projects with more than 2 million Swiss francs emphasizes the importance that the ITI assigns to independent research.

ITI Foundation Financial Statement 2009

ITI Foundation Financial Statement 2009 ¹		in CHF
	2009	2008
Operating Revenues		
Contributions	11,425,000	10,892,000
Revenues from educational events	204,442	-
Other Revenues	1,307,309	1,261,286
Total Operating Revenues	12,936,751	12,153,286
Operating Costs		
Research	2,190,482	2,223,153
Education		
Sections	1,791,386	1,250,883
Rest of the World	9,997	29,664
Education Projects	2,022,257	1,934,785
Total Education	3,823,640	3,215,332
University Programs	261,487	0
Scholarships	976,188	944,841
Total University Programs	1,237,675	944,841
General Administration		
ITI Center	2,422,585	2,327,299
Committees	563,138	400,151
Board of Directors	172,544	161,024
Administrative Projects	665,640	470,929
Total General Administration	3,823,907	3,359,403
Total Operating Revenues	12,936,751	12,153,286
Total Operating Costs	11,075,704	9,742,729
Operating Profit	1,861,047	2,410,557

¹ Extract from the financial statements. Complete financial statements 2009 are available at the domicile of the ITI Foundation.

Overview of ITI Foundation Expenses in 2009





To the Board of Trustees of ITI Foundation for the Promotion of Oral Implantology, Basel

Basel, March 1, 2010

Report of the statutory auditor on the limited statutory examination

As statutory auditor, we have examined the financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and notes) of ITI Foundation for the Promotion of Oral Implantology for the year ended December 31, 2009.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the board of trustees. Our responsibility is to perform a limited statutory examination on these financial statements. We confirm that we meet the licensing and independence requirements as stipulated by Swiss law.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the Swiss Standard on the limited statutory examination. This standard requires that we plan and perform a limited statutory examination to identify material misstatements in the financial statements. A limited statutory examination consists primarily of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of company documents as considered necessary in the circumstances. However, the testing of operational processes and the internal control system, as well as inquiries and further testing procedures to detect fraud or other legal violations, are not within the scope of this examination.

Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law (Art. 662 CO) as well as with the deed of foundation.

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Licensed audit expert

Markus Kocher Licensed audit expert (Auditor in charge)



To the General Meeting of the Members of ITI Association, Basel

Basel, March 1, 2010

Report of the statutory auditor on the limited statutory examination

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Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law (Art. 957 CO) and the articles of association.

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