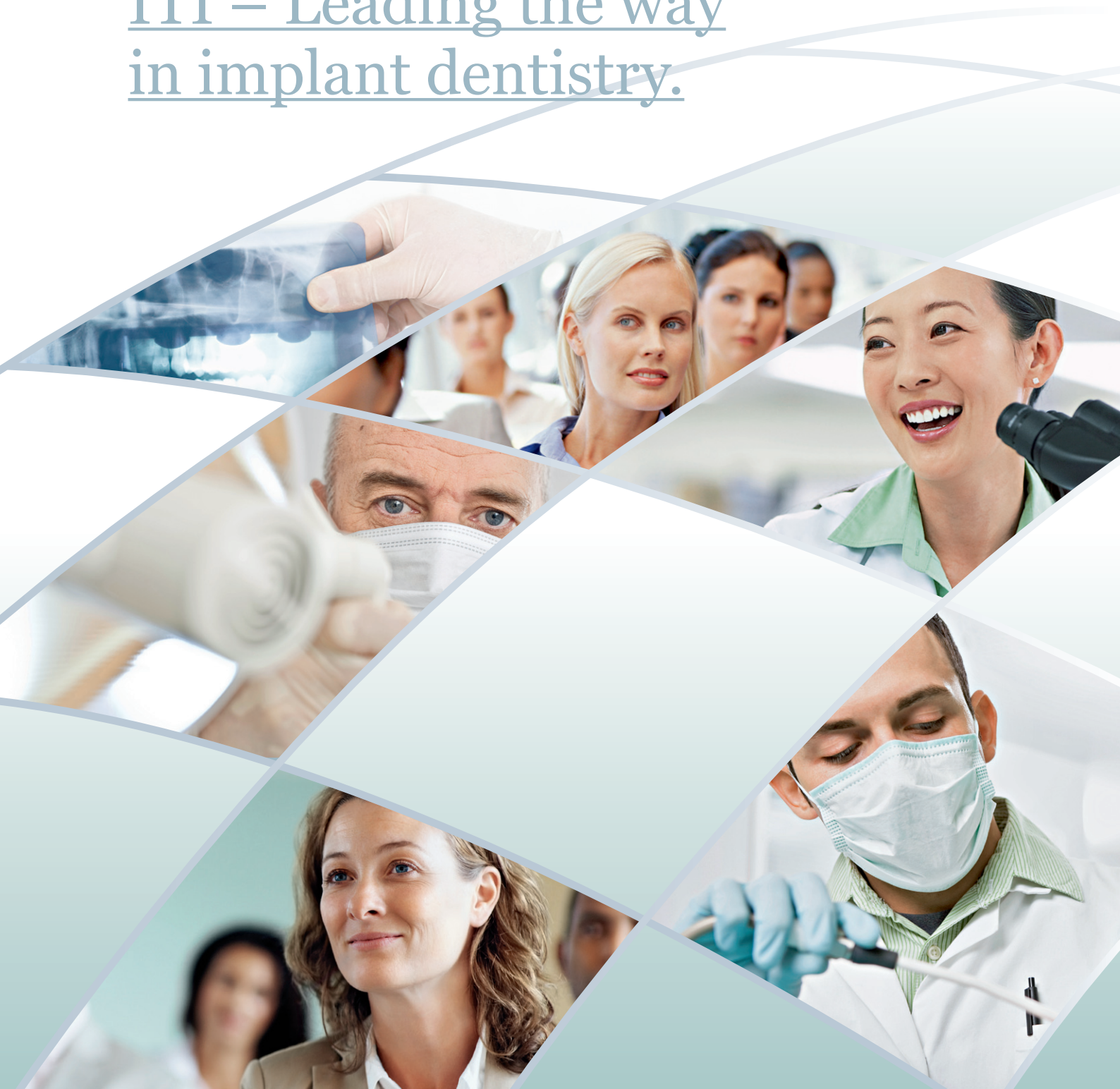




# ITI – Leading the way in implant dentistry.



“An organization dedicated to advancing knowledge and sharing expertise.”

## Knowledge is key.



The ITI Board of Directors (from left): Luca Cordaro (Italy); Daniel Wismeijer (Netherlands); Marco Gadola (Switzerland); Gilbert Achermann (Switzerland); Frauke Müller (Switzerland); David Cochran (USA); Lisa Heitz-Mayfield (Australia); Daniel Buser (Switzerland); Gerhard Wahl (Germany); Hans-Peter Weber (USA); Hideaki Katsuyama (Japan); Stephen Chen (Australia).

An independent academic organization, the International Team for Implantology – ITI – is dedicated to advancing knowledge in the field of implant dentistry based on sound scientific evidence.

The ITI is an international, multidisciplinary group of like-minded professionals who place their knowledge and expertise at the service of the ITI and, more broadly, the field of implant dentistry through formal exchange and networking within the context of the organization’s many activities.

Guided by its vision, the ITI undertakes to reach an ever increasing audience with the aim of spreading its treatment and research philosophies and educational

message. At the same time as broadening its membership, the ITI continues to ensure the quality of its services and undertakings.

Throughout its history, the ITI has contributed significantly to the science behind the development of implant therapy as well as the associated methodology. Now that implant dentistry solutions are increasingly part of the standard accepted range of treatment protocols, the ITI has turned the main focus of its attention to education, the development of standard treatment methods, risk assessment and quality assurance to ensure reliable outcomes.

Professor Dr. David L. Cochran  
ITI President

### Founding years

In 1980, the ITI was founded as a non-profit organization by a group of 12 visionary pioneers from a range of complementary disciplines. In the ITI’s early days, it contributed significantly to the research and development of implant design and implant surfaces.

Two of the original 12 pioneers, André Schroeder and Fritz Straumann, played the main role in developing the organization as well as establishing a close relationship between science and industry.

This relationship has proved to be mutually beneficial to both organizations over the ensuing years.

For the first decade of its existence, the ITI remained a small group of around 50 members, for the most part professionals from Switzerland and Southern Germany. The ITI’s first World Symposium, held in 1988, confirmed the group’s growing international profile and influence, both of which have increased exponentially ever since.

# Structured to enable true global networking.

As an organization that has grown considerably in recent years to accommodate a thriving membership, the ITI relies on a structure that reflects its interests and needs.

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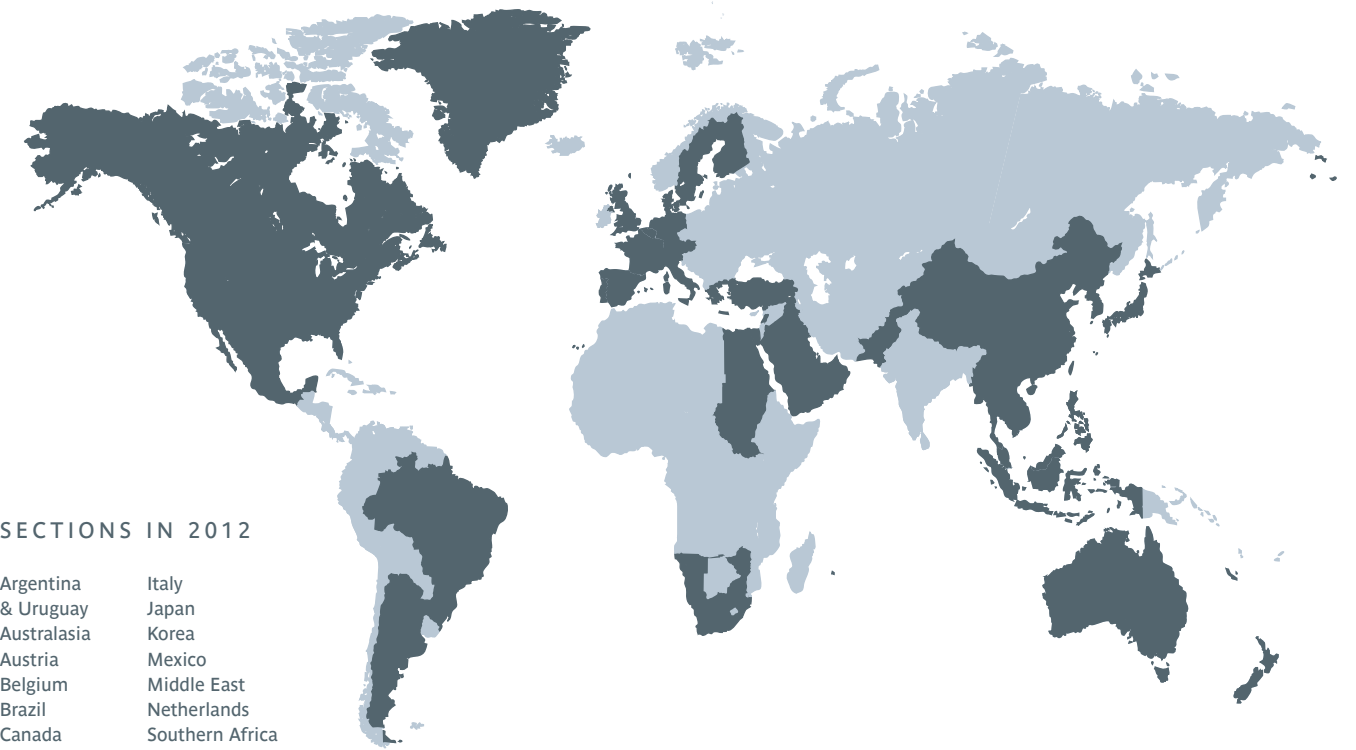
To administer its affairs, the ITI has a Board of Directors and six committees – Education, Research, University Programs, Study Clubs, Scholarship, Section & Membership – that meet several times a year. The ITI committees are complemented by country Sections on

Promoting continuing education in the field of implant dentistry is the main concern of the Sections. Among typical activities are the organization of national congresses, Study Clubs, Speaker development courses and educational workshops.

### Country Sections

Through its country Sections, the ITI can work more effectively to disseminate information at a national and regional level. Regular meetings and events are organized in the countries to implement a flow of information down to individual Members and facilitate feedback back up to the global level.

“United by a sense of responsibility and idealism.”



### SECTIONS IN 2012

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| Argentina & Uruguay | Italy           |
| Australasia         | Japan           |
| Austria             | Korea           |
| Belgium             | Mexico          |
| Brazil              | Middle East     |
| Canada              | Netherlands     |
| China               | Southern Africa |
| Denmark             | South East Asia |
| Finland             | Sweden          |
| France              | Switzerland     |
| Germany             | Taiwan          |
| Greece              | Turkey          |
| Iberia              | UK & Ireland    |
|                     | USA             |

## Membership

The ITI has built up an excellent reputation based primarily on the caliber of its Fellows. Fellows and Members participate in the ITI's program and activities, and Fellows, in particular, shape these activities by taking on an organizational or functional role as part of a committee or project group. The ITI is a community of professionals, who share and spread the ITI philosophy, yet often hold widely differing points of view. The ITI offers both its Fellows and Members professional enrichment and personal satisfaction.

## Fellows

Becoming a Fellow is by nomination only and brings with it responsibilities as well as benefits. Fellows represent the active core of the organization and only they can serve on the ITI's committees and official bodies. In doing so, they play an active role in shaping the future of implant dentistry. All the work carried out by ITI Fellows is done on a voluntary basis and goes hand in hand with a sense of responsibility to the profession and idealism.

## Members

Anyone who fulfills the organization's professional criteria as a dentist, physician, PhD scientist, certified dental technician, hygienist or registered professional in the implant dentistry field may become a Member and take advantage of a variety of benefits.

To register, go to [www.iti.org](http://www.iti.org)



## Promoting research.

The ITI Foundation was set up in 1988 as a neutral funding body together with its administering body, the Research Committee. Its work is to provide researchers into implant-dentistry-related themes with financial support – regardless of whether they belong to the ITI or not.

To date, it has funded projects at more than 80 academic institutions all over the world to a total of 38 million Swiss francs (as at January 2012) and is the largest non-governmental international funding institution in implant dentistry worldwide.

**“Medical research needs independence, open space and opportunities for discussion.”** Professor Dr. André Schroeder

Grants for individual projects are awarded on the basis of relevance of hypothesis, experience and research environment, methodology and budget. The ITI commits a significant proportion of its annual budget to research funding.



### Research grants

Applicants for research funding have two funding possibilities. The Small Grant (SG) with an upper limit of 50,000 Swiss francs is intended for young clinicians who are looking to extend the scope of their responsibility as well as those interested in establishing a reputation in implant dentistry. Researchers and research groups with an established reputation may submit an CLRG – Clinical or Laboratory Research Grant proposal – for which grants of up to 200,000 Swiss francs are issued.

## Foundations for a sound education.

**“Building on existing momentum to develop a rounded educational offering.”**

Through its Education Core Group, the ITI takes a strategic approach to developing and optimizing educational methods and materials for use in the field of implant dentistry. Various media and channels are called on, including print, events, Internet and software, in order to enhance educational opportunities for the ITI’s target audience.

The regular ITI World Symposium is the organization’s flagship event which attracts the cream of the implant world’s faculty. It is complemented by highly successful national congresses organized by the country Sections working together with the ITI Center. Among other international activities are the regular Consensus Conferences at which opinion leaders from the field debate and define

guidelines for treatment that can be applied by the profession. These result in Consensus Papers that are published in a peer-reviewed journal. To provide practitioners with easy-to-follow reference material, the ITI has published a very well received reference book series called the ITI Treatment Guide, each volume of which deals with a specific indication and provides step-by-step instructions for treatment accompanied by detailed illustrations and photographs.

One of the ITI’s greatest strengths is its pool of Speakers, who make presentations all over the world as representatives of the ITI and its philosophy. ITI Speakers are supported by various workshops and development courses to broaden and perfect their presentation skills.



### ITInet

The ITI provides its community with an extensive internal online network: the ITInet. This portal serves as a platform for discussion and exchange and is also a rich source of graphic and written reference material.

In addition to discussion forums at the global and Section levels, users may also continue Study Club discussions online. For one-to-one online exchange, MyITI gives users the possibility to stay in contact with colleagues and friends.

# Making education accessible.

## UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

The ITI has a long history of solid relationships with many academic institutions around the world. As part of its Vision 2017, the ITI is working on expanding and extending these relationships to provide broader access to reliable educational principles. The formation of the University Programs Committee served to formalize and

“Supporting education in implant dentistry according to evidence-based principles.”

develop these relationships with the aim of supporting education in implant dentistry in accordance with evidence-based principles. The ITI works with Centers of Excellence in Implant Education at selected institutions around the world. Together with each Center, it is developing programs that are in line with the ITI philosophy to contribute to continuing medical education at every level.

## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The ITI Scholarship scheme was launched in 1998 and in its first decade more than 100 Scholarships were awarded to young post-graduate dentists from all over the world. These Scholars have since either returned to their own country to disseminate what they have learned or continued broadening their horizons by

gathering more international experience. The Scholarship Committee is responsible for evaluating and selecting young practitioners to spend a year at one of the ITI’s many Scholarship Centers around the world under the guidance of an ITI mentor. Each Scholar receives a stipend equivalent to

40,000 Swiss francs towards living expenses, while the Scholarship Center receives 10,000 Swiss francs. Between 20 and 25 Scholars are selected each year. The ITI Scholarship program has often functioned as a career springboard for many Scholars, due to their experience and the vastly extended network of contacts made by the end of the year.

## STUDY CLUBS

With regular, informal local meetings in small groups, the global ITI Study Club initiative that was launched in 2010 has met with great success. Within 18 months of its launch, more than 450 Study Clubs had been established all over the world. Membership of the Study Clubs is free of charge to all ITI Fellows and Members.

ITI Study Clubs are organized and run by ITI Fellows and Members. Not only do they offer the opportunity to keep up to date on new developments through presentations prepared by the Education Core Group, but they also

make it possible for members to give presentations, discuss their own cases and benefit from peer experience and feedback.

One of the great advantages of these meetings is that questions can be raised and discussed in an atmosphere of trust. ITI Study Clubs provide an excellent channel through which information on the latest developments in implant dentistry can be systematically disseminated and wherever possible they also offer continuing education credits.

“Designed to reach professionals everywhere.”

## Sections & Membership

With the rapid increase in Members and Sections in recent years as well as their varied and changing needs, the ITI has created the Section & Membership Core Group to ensure these needs are met.

The Core Group provides Sections with guidelines and support to enable them to carry out their activities effectively and successfully, each according to its individual needs. It also facilitates the exchange of best practices at an international level between Sections through the Section & Membership Committee that is made up of the Chairs of all the Sections.

The challenge for this committee is to ensure that Fellows, Members and Sections all receive the support to which they are entitled according to a transparently formulated framework of benefits, tasks and responsibilities. This makes it easier for new Members to understand the principles according to which the ITI operates and decide whether or not they would like to participate in the community.

## Why be part of the ITI Network?

The field of implant dentistry has expanded very rapidly in recent years, with the introduction of new materials, techniques and technology. Information is often contradictory and it is difficult to define which approach is the best in a given situation.

assessed as can the skills required to carry out a procedure. Most of all the ITI puts its membership in direct contact with other specialists with complementary experience and expertise, providing a rich network of valuable contacts.

### “A network of professionals, a network of friends.”

Through its events, the ITI offers its membership the opportunity to stay up to date on developments and participate in debates between opinion leaders in the field. While ITI publications provide a sound foundation on the basis of which risk can more accurately be

The ITI is the largest and most prestigious international group active in the field of implant dentistry and as such offers unparalleled networking opportunities through its international events.

## ITI Headquarters

Located in Basel, Switzerland, ITI Headquarters is the administrative core of the ITI. It provides the membership and committees with the support necessary for the smooth running of the organization.

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### Benefits of ITI membership:

- a copy of the latest volume of the ITI Treatment Guide series every year
- a subscription to the ITI journal Forum Implantologicum
- reduced admission to international and national ITI congresses and educational events
- access to the global online platform ITInet
- regular literature updates
- participation in ITI Study Club meetings
- full access to a broad range of national ITI Section activities
- direct access to the largest and most prestigious international academic network in implant dentistry

To become a Member of the ITI, simply go to [www.iti.org](http://www.iti.org) and click the “Membership” tab.

“... to promote and disseminate knowledge on all aspects of implant dentistry and dental tissue regeneration through education and research to the benefit of the patient.”