

Press Release:
**The ITI boosts its educational offering with international,
university-based course program.**

ITI-quality continuing education courses in implant dentistry at seven leading academic institutions in 2010/2011.

ITI World Symposium 2010, Geneva, Switzerland, April 16, 2010 – The International Team for Implantology (ITI), a leading academic organization dedicated to the promotion of evidence-based education and research in the field of implant dentistry, announced the extension of its educational offering with a comprehensive course program to be held at selected academic institutions around the globe.

Through its ITI University Programs, the organization aims to enhance implant education worldwide by offering coordinated, high quality continuing education courses through an international network of selected educational institutions. To date, the ITI partnered up with seven educational centers at university-based dental schools, affiliated institutions or hospitals. These institutions will deliver ITI-quality international continuing education courses in implant dentistry and related topics in 2010 and 2011. The program is centrally marketed and administered by the ITI Center, the organization's headquarters in Basel, Switzerland.

The selection of course venues was based on a formal application process and careful assessment. Key criteria included an established track record of excellence in continuing dental education and a certificate to issue continuing education (CE) credits as well as state-of-the-art facilities and infrastructure. For the course period 2010/2011, ITI continuing education courses will be held at the following locations around the world:

- 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
- University College of London, Eastman Dental Institute & Hospital, London, UK
- University of Melbourne, Melbourne Dental School, Parkville, Australia
- 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

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The ITI University Program is currently providing a single course format, the ITI Education Week, which has proven highly successful over the years at the University of Bern. Particular emphasis is given to treatment planning as well as hands-on workshops and live surgical and prosthetic sessions. As the program evolves, the ITI will also add additional course formats and content in the future.

"In terms of quality and credibility, continuing education in implant dentistry is best delivered independently of commercial interests," said Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Weber, Chairman of the ITI University Programs Committee. "To this end, the ITI teamed up with leading educational institutions to provide best-in-class CE courses that reflect the ITI philosophy: evidence-based treatment for predictable and successful outcomes."

"Education is central to the aims and goals of the ITI," said Prof. Dr. Daniel Buser, ITI President. "The ITI University Program extends the reach of our existing educational offering by providing practitioners around the world with better access to a high standard of continuing education with a strong hands-on component."

Based on the success of the first full year of courses and the general demand for continuing education in implant dentistry, the ITI will approach further institutions around the world to become an active part of the ITI University Program.

Detailed information about the ITI University Program and individual ITI Education Weeks is available at www.iti.org/educationweek.

About the ITI

The International Team for Implantology (ITI) unites professionals around the world from every field of implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration. As an independent academic association, it actively promotes networking and exchange among its membership. ITI Fellows and Members, who now number more than 8,000 in total, regularly share their knowledge and expertise from research and clinical practice at meetings, courses and congresses with the objective of continuously improving treatment methods and outcomes to the benefit of their patients.

In 30 years, the ITI has built a reputation for scientific rigor combined with concern for the welfare of patients. The organization focuses on the development of well-documented treatment guidelines backed by extensive clinical testing and the compilation of long-term results. The ITI funds research as well as Scholarships for young clinicians, organizes congresses and continuing education events and also publishes reference books such as the ITI Treatment Guide series. www.iti.org



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