

# European Society of Ceramic Implantology (ESCI) satellite symposium—“Ceramic Implantology”

The European Society of Ceramic Implantology (ESCI) proudly presented its satellite symposium, “Ceramic Implantology,” at the 6<sup>th</sup> Swiss Implant Congress of the Implant Foundation Switzerland, held from 19 to 21 September 2024. The symposium, hosted at the renowned Kursaal Bern, marked a pivotal moment in the advancement and recognition of ceramic implantology within the larger field of dental implants. As a featured event on the afternoon of 19 September, ESCI’s symposium attracted attention from professionals eager to explore ceramic implants’ growing role and their practical applications.

Dr Jens Tartsch

The symposium offered a dedicated platform to delve into the latest innovations and research in ceramic implantology, fostering a community of experts and practitioners committed to advancing the field. The symposium brought together leading voices in ceramic implantology to discuss the most current trends, challenges, and emerging opportunities. This satellite event served as an essential forum for participants to familiarise themselves with the specific benefits of ceramic implants, including their clinical reliability, biological compatibility, and potential as a viable alternative to traditional implants.

Structured into two key parts, the symposium opened with a series of scientific lectures presented by respected experts. Prof. Ronald Jung and Dr Jens Tartsch, who led the welcome and opening remarks, set the stage for a series of in-depth presentations. Dr Jens Tartsch discussed whether ceramic implants are more than just a trend, followed by Dr Stefan Röhling’s assessment of their reliability in daily practice. Prof. Ralf Kohal addressed the durability of ceramic implants for clinical use, while Dr Frank Maier provided insights into managing hard and soft tissue around ceramic implants. Prof. André Chen rounded off this segment by exploring digital workflows involving ceramic implants. Together, these lectures emphasised the robust scientific foundation behind ceramic implants and presented the latest data-driven results that support their use in clinical settings.

The second part of the symposium focused on practical, case-based learning through a session titled “My approach with...,” a unique feature organised in collaboration with ESCI’s company partners. This session allowed seasoned clinicians to share their preferred implant systems and personal insights from real-world



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applications, offering a deep dive into individual approaches. Dr Jens Tartsch shared his experiences with Zeramex XT and Nobel Pearl, while Prof. Sebastian Kühl presented his approach with Straumann Pure. Dr Frank Maier discussed CERALOG implants, and Dr Lars Börner presented on Z-SYSTEMS. Each speaker shared their methodology, system-specific advantages, and firsthand clinical observations, giving participants a thorough understanding of the versatility of ceramic implant options.

This ESCI satellite symposium was a cornerstone event, providing a rare and valuable opportunity for dentists, oral surgeons, researchers, and industry professionals to gain practical insights and deepen their expertise in ceramic implantology. It enabled them to explore the technical, scientific, and clinical dimensions of ceramic implants and understand the latest applications that can shape future practices. Attendees were encouraged to take advantage of this gathering to expand their knowledge, network with industry leaders, and directly contribute to the continued acceptance and development of ceramic implants within implantology.

The satellite symposium was strategically designed to complement the larger 6<sup>th</sup> Swiss Implant Congress, where a broader range of implantology topics and esteemed speakers—such as Prof. Bilal Al-Nawas, Prof. Tomas Albrektsson, Prof. Giovanni E. Salvi, and Prof. Hannes Wachtel—enhanced the overall learning experience for all attendees.

**About ESCI**

The European Society of Ceramic Implantology—ESCI is a leading international professional society dedicated to promoting research, education, and innovation in the field of ceramic implantology. Through collaboration with experts from various disciplines, ESCI strives to improve patient care and further raise standards in ceramic implantology.



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