

Welcome

Fig. 1\_ The ITI welcomed participants from all over the world to its 12<sup>th</sup> symposium with the headline "Knowledge is key".



# Biggest international implant dentistry meeting to date

## ITI World Symposium 2014 with 4,200 participants

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, welcomed more than 4,200 participants from 84 countries to its global flagship event, the ITI World Symposium. Held under the heading "Knowledge is key", the meeting took place in Geneva, Switzerland, between April 24 and 26, 2014.

### \_ITI programme

After a brief excursion into outer space, presented by keynote speaker Claude Nicollier, Switzerland's first and only astronaut, the scientific programme guided the audience back down to solid ground with a practically oriented offering of lectures, presentations and panel discussions. The latest scientific findings aligned to the ITI philosophy of evidence-based treatment served as the basis for

all the presentations that came under the three main topics: "Digital implant dentistry", "Prevention and management of biological and technical complications" and "New approaches, challenges and limitations in aesthetics".

The scientific programme was supplemented by a half-day Pre-Symposium Corporate Forum presented by industry leaders Straumann, Morita and Geistlich as well as a research competition and an attractive social programme that offered ample opportunity for networking and a chance to talk to key opinion leaders. An extensive industry exhibition with 50 exhibitors allowed participants the possibility to find out about the latest products related to their daily work. "Our main theme 'Knowledge is key' underlines the importance the ITI assigns to evidence-based information for use in daily clinical practice," said Dr Stephen Chen, Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee. "This applies not just to



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**Fig. 2** As congress partner, the Straumann AG informed the participants about their latest products.

**Figs. 3 & 5** Participants had much opportunity to connect with colleagues from all around the world in a cosy atmosphere.

**Fig. 4** Prof. Dr David Cochran, President of the ITI, presented the new e-learning platform ITI Online Academy.

**Fig. 6** Dr Stephen Chen, Chair of the Scientific Programme Committee, spoke about maintenance of the ridge post-extraction and its risk for aesthetics.

**Figs. 7 & 9** During the three-day congress the participants were offered a scientific programme with practically oriented lectures, presentations and panel discussions.

**Fig. 8** Prof. Dr Daniel Buser, former ITI President.

the ITI World Symposium, but also very particularly to our new e-learning platform, the ITI Online Academy, which we were able to showcase during the meeting for the first time."

### ITI Online Academy

The Symposium provided a tailor-made opportunity to present a preview of the soon-to-be launched ITI Online Academy—planned to be the most innovative and complete e-learning platform worldwide. With its user-oriented approach, the ITI Online Academy offers a broad and continuously expanding curriculum of learning modules designed for every level of expertise. It is supplemented by cases, videos and lectures as well as a wealth of

free content such as assessments geared to identifying individual strengths, weaknesses and gaps in knowledge. "We are very proud of our new e-learning platform as we believe it goes further than any other offering currently available," commented Prof. Dr David Cochran, ITI President (Abb. 4). "Not only does the curriculum cover implant dentistry in its entirety, but the system is also designed to adapt dynamically to the user and propose further learning pathways based on the gaps and weaknesses identified." Twelve demo workstations were available to participants of the ITI World Symposium 2014 to test-drive the Online Academy and provide valuable user feedback. The Academy will be launched later this year. The next ITI World Symposium takes place in 2017. \_