

ITI World Symposium 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, welcomed more than 4,000 participants from all over the world to the 2010 edition of its much anticipated ITI World Symposium. The city of Geneva, Switzerland, provided a picturesque backdrop to a full program of topical presentations and debate.

With his keynote address, world-renowned adventurer and scientist Bertrand Piccard set the tone for the three-day event that explored new and emerging territory in implant dentistry. The collective knowledge represented by the faculty of 113 experts from 26 countries provided a springboard for lively debate and discussion that continued beyond the official program. The scientific program was divided into three main facets of treatment: New clinical methods for diagnosis and treatment planning; New and proven treatment procedures; Complications in implant dentistry or dealing with reality. The smooth delivery and breadth of information provided over the three days served to underline the truth of the ITI's claim of "30 years of leadership and credibility".

For the first time, the main program was complemented by a pre-symposium program of two parallel full-day courses that allowed participants the luxury of total immersion in two narrowly defined areas of treatment. The highly popular Limited Attendance Sessions were also expanded from three to four compact lectures per session. "The ITI is fortunate that it can call on such a wide variety of opinion leaders in implant dentistry on an international basis to share their knowledge," said Stephen Chen, Chairman of the Scientific Program Committee. "This pool of expertise is the foundation for the success of the event and rein-

forces its well deserved reputation as the most prestigious academic event in the implant dentistry calendar."

"Every effort was made to ensure the smooth running of the event and give participants the best possible Symposium experience," commented Friedrich Buck, Executive Director of the ITI. "We also took the decision to hold an industry exhibition that drew 38 exhibitors from Europe as well as the USA, giving participants the opportunity to review some of the latest developments in the field and discuss their needs directly with manufacturers."

Rounding off the event was the Research award which attracted a great deal of interest. Competition for the nine presentation slots was fierce and the total of 118 posters testified to the central role played by research among the ITI membership as well as their readiness to share results.

The success of the ITI World Symposium is undisputed, it can be measured not only in terms of attendance figures, but also the accessibility of the event which provided simultaneous translation in 12 languages for the main program. The next ITI World Symposium will take place in 2014.

