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Fig. 1: The Bocken estate near Zurich served as the venue for the 1st European Congress for Ceramic Implant Dentistry. **Fig. 2:** The event was sold out and the conference room was filled up to the last seat.

“Facts of Ceramic Implants” presented in Zurich

On 11 and 12 October 2019, the European Society for Ceramic Implantology (ESCI) invited ceramic enthusiasts from all over the world to Horgen/Zurich in Switzerland, where the 1st European Congress for Ceramic Implant Dentistry was held. Dr Jens Tartsch was delighted about the successful outcome: the event was sold out with an audience of more than 170 attending. Coming from as far as India or China, participants gathered in Zurich to

gain valuable new insights into the scientific foundation and the numerous application possibilities of ceramic implants as a reliable treatment modality and an alternative to the well-established titanium implants. The Bocken estate, a congress centre situated just ten minutes outside of Zurich in the lush green countryside, served as perfect and inspiring backdrop for this high-profile congress topic.



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Fig. 3: Internationally renowned speakers were invited by the scientific directors Dr Jens Tartsch, Dr Stefan Röhling and Prof. Ralf Kohal. **Fig. 4:** From left: Dr Stefan Röhling (Vice President of the ESCI), Georg Isbaner (Editorial Manager of *ceramic implants*) and Dr Jens Tartsch (President of the ESCI).



Ceramic implantology is currently the fastest growing and most research-intensive field in dentistry. All the more important is a practice-oriented, but at the same time scientific and evidence-based discussion revolving around this topic. In other words, only the facts count. “Facts of Ceramic Implants” was therefore the motto of the event which was considered a definitive highlight by many, not only from a technical stance. 14 renowned speakers from seven countries were invited to the Congress, which was helmed by scientific directors’ Dr Jens Tartsch (President of the ESCI), Dr Stefan Röhling (Vice President of the ESCI) and Prof. Ralf Kohal (Member of

the Scientific Advisory Board of the ESCI). Through numerous first-rate lectures, newcomers to ceramics, experienced clinicians and industry partners were provided with an in-depth knowledge about the successful handling of the “white implants”. All relevant facts and associated aspects of ceramic implantology were discussed, ranging from the possibilities and limitations of zirconium dioxide as an implant material to its clinical application with regard to the unique prosthetic options.

The ESCI is a hub for scientific research and clinical and practical experience with ceramic implants. The first ESCI Congress was also an opportunity for young researchers in particular to present their findings and clinical case outcomes in the “short lecture sessions”. The best presentation in its category was awarded with the “ESCI Award”, which is endowed with 500 Euro each. Germany-based Dr Rouven Wagner won the award in the category “Best Clinical Case Presentation” for his lecture titled “Using individual designed abutments on ceramic implants for rebuilding the aesthetic zone—a posttraumatic case” (supported by CAMLOG). The winners in the category “Best Scientific Abstract Presentation” were Dr Mona Monzavi (USA) and Dr Yuguang Wang (China) for their presentations titled “Microstructural analyses of Artificial Ageing in 5 Commercially and Non-Commercially Available Zirconia Dental Implants” and “Enhanced osseointegration and biofilm eradication of bone zirconia implant using non-invasive phototherapy device”, respectively.



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