

## Press Release: ITI World Symposium 2024 – First to be held in Asia with record attendance of more than 5,500.

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**Basel, Switzerland, May 14, 2024** – The ITI (International Team for Implantology) held the ITI World Symposium 2024 from May 9 to 11 in Singapore. A total of more than 5,500 dental professionals from more than 100 countries attended the ITI’s flagship event, making it the largest World Symposium ever and the first to be held in Asia.

Around the theme of “Every patient has a story: Evidence meets patient perspectives to guide clinical care”, the ITI presented three days of lectures, discussion, and learning focused on evidence-based science and patient-centered care. The 5 sessions addressed the currently hottest topics in the field: Soft tissue management, GBR/bone augmentation, immediacy, peri-implantitis and the digital workflow. These topics were chosen based on the feedback and priorities of the ITI community. Built around 9 real patients, the Scientific Program Committee headed up by Daniel Wismeijer translated the 5 topics into a fast-moving and informative blend of lectures, live-commentated videos delivered by a top faculty of more than 50 leading international experts. This unique and innovative patient-centered approach presented holistic solutions to real-life treatment challenges.

The main program was complemented by a Corporate Forum presented by the ITI’s founding partner Straumann as well as broad range of parallel sessions, workshops and hands-on sessions delivered by industry partners.

The unique interior architecture reflecting aspects of the vibrant host city Singapore was especially developed and built to house the lively industry exhibition and to provide participants with a perfect environment to promote networking, exchange and relaxation.

“I am delighted with the results of this World Symposium at every level”, said Charlotte Stilwell, ITI President. “The attendance figures speak for themselves. It is clear that the ITI is meeting a strong need for reliable evidence-based information and it is my belief that practitioners are taking home valuable learnings and acute insights for immediate use in daily clinical practice”.

#### **Ronald E. Jung voted in as ITI President-elect**

Just before the ITI World Symposium 2024, the ITI General Assembly of Fellows approved the ITI Board of Directors’ nomination of Prof. Dr. Ronald E. Jung (Switzerland) as the new ITI President-elect. Prof. Jung will start his term of office as ITI President in 2025. With his forward-looking leadership style and visionary thinking, he is ideally positioned to take the organization further along its chosen path and take advantage of future opportunities for the ITI.

#### **ITI Honorary Fellowships 2024**

Each year, the ITI takes great pleasure in acknowledging long-serving ITI Fellows with an ITI Honorary Fellowship for their untiring efforts on behalf of the ITI as well as their outstanding achievements in the field of implant dentistry as a whole. At the ITI Annual Dinner following the ITI World Symposium, this lifetime honor was awarded to Stephen Chen (Australia) and Daniel Wismeijer (Netherlands).

#### **ITI Distinguished Achievement Awards 2024**

Also at the Annual Dinner, the ITI presented its Distinguished Achievement Awards. Introduced in 2022, this annual award is presented to professionals who have made a strong and enduring contribution either to a specific milestone topic in implant dentistry or to a particular ITI project. This year’s recipients of this award are Jocelyne Feine (Canada) and Merete Aaboe (Denmark). Jocelyne Feine received the award for her championing role in the development of the McGill Consensus Statement 2002 dealing with the two-implant overdenture for the edentulous mandible. Merete Aaboe was presented with this award for her immense and dedicated personal hard work in taking the ITI Diploma from concept to reality.

#### **André Schroeder Research Prize 2024**

The André Schroeder Research Prize is one of the most prestigious awards in implant dentistry. It is presented annually in two categories: pre-clinical and clinical. At the ITI World Symposium 2024, Jean-Claude Imber (Switzerland) and Lorenzo Tavelli (Italy) and their co-authors were announced as winners of the André Schroeder Research Prize 2024. Jean-Claude Imber received the prize for pre-clinical research for his study on

“Spontaneous regeneration of keratinized tissue at implants and teeth”. The prize for clinical research went to Lorenzo Tavelli for his paper on “Coronally advanced flap versus tunnel technique for the treatment of peri-implant soft tissue dehiscences with the connective tissue graft: A randomized, controlled clinical trial”. Both winners were presented with an engraved gold medallion as well as 10,000 Swiss Francs each.

### **ITI World Symposium 2027**

As part of the closing ceremony, ITI President Charlotte Stilwell announced that the next ITI World Symposium will take place in Milan, Italy in 2027.

### **About the ITI**

The International Team for Implantology (ITI) is an academic association that unites currently more than 25,000 professionals from every field of implant dentistry and related disciplines in 37 Sections all over the world. The ITI’s purpose is to engage and inspire the global dental profession to strive for excellence in implant dentistry for the benefit of the patient. ITI Fellows and Members 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 the last 44 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 and offers a wealth of educational activities, courses and events both on- and offline to ensure a life-long learning journey for all professionals in implant dentistry. The organization also publishes reference books such as the ITI Treatment Guide series and operates the ITI Academy, a peer-reviewed, evidence-based e-learning platform with a unique user-centric approach. [www.iti.org](http://www.iti.org)

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