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**ITI UK & Ireland Section**  
**Education Delegate’s Annual Report 2023-4**

Dear ITI Fellows and Members,

Reflecting on the challenging yet transformative period of 2023/4, I am pleased to present an overview of our education initiatives, successes, and strategic shifts aimed at enhancing our offerings and membership experience.

The past year was not without its trials, particularly regarding budget constraints due to less-than-ideal membership renewal rates. This financial hiccup necessitated the shelving of several ambitious plans, underscoring the importance of robust member engagement and retention strategies.

Despite these hurdles, we managed to host significant events that garnered positive feedback and bolstered our reputation for delivering quality education:

# **Education in 2023-24**

**Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)** in London, March 2023: This event was the highlight of 2023, with speakers from Europe and the UK/Ireland presenting to over 100 delegates at Euston Square. Ther programme included, Daniel Thoima, Erdem Gulnergiz, Saascha Hein, Rishi Patel, and Chong Lim. The feedback for the day was overwhelmingly positive.

**Master Talks -** We had the privilege of hosting Massimo Frosecci in February 2023 and Istvan Urban in February 2024. Both sessions were resounding successes, although participation was somewhat affected by a cumbersome signup process. Our aim is to expand on these talks and bring the highest level of education to the UK.

Annual ITI Winter Meeting- Eoin O’Sullivan once again hosted a the annual winter meeting in January in Northern Italy. A fantastic ski trip that also included high level education with Paolo Casentini and Sergio Piano!

**Young ITI -** Another exciting year for the Young ITI with a now fixed day in the calendar the day before the ASM. It is always a popular day and was well attended in London with excellent feedback. They followed this up with a Study Day in Edinburgh in October which again was well attended. 2

WIN- We were delighted to see WIN start our ASM in LONDON with a breakfast meeting. Dr Safa Somi presented an excellent lecture on Laser dentistry which was well attended in spite of the early start!

The first UK and Ireland WIN Symposium was held in May 2023. Speakers from across the UK gathered in Nottingham for a successful day that reinforces the strength of this group. We look forward to working with WIN in 2025.

**Strategic Collaborations and Innovations**

Recognizing the need for a more engaging and accessible educational framework, we have been working closely with Straumann to develop a revamped educational program. This includes a new version of the Foundation in Implant Dentistry course (FID 2.0), and more Master Talks tailored to appeal to a broad spectrum of dental professionals, from novices to seasoned practitioners.

In response to feedback regarding the signup process for memberships and courses, we are excited to announce the development of a new website. Slated for launch by the summer break, this platform will simplify course registrations, enhancing accessibility for both members and non-members. This digital overhaul is poised to significantly improve our operational efficiency and member satisfaction.

An education committee has also been established, comprising Prof. Shaded, Stephen Barter, Akit Patel, and myself. This committee will be instrumental in finalizing the upcoming courses, ensuring they meet our high standards and the diverse needs of our members.

**Looking Ahead**

The future holds promising developments, including the confirmed WIN ITI masterclass with Prof. France Lambert in November 2024 and a periimplantitis masterclass with Alberto Monte slated for early 2025. These events are just the beginning of a series of Master Talks aimed a broadening the educational offerings of our section.

With the unwavering support of Straumann and a renewed focus on member engagement, we are set to unveil FID 2.0 in 2025 alongside further Master Talks. This marks a new chapter in our journey, one that promises to enrich our members' professional lives and elevate the standard of dental education in our region.

The year 2023/4 was indeed challenging, but it was also a period of introspection and strategic realignment. With improved member numbers, support from our headquarters, and ambitious plans for the next 12 months, we are poised for a resurgence. Together, we will continue to advance our mission of promoting excellence in dental education and practice.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the ITI UK & Ireland Section

Finally, I would like to thank my colleagues on the Leadership team and Lisa and Donna for their help and support over the last 12 months.

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