

Press Release:
The ITI awards the André Schroeder Research Prize 2012 to
Cornelius von Wilmowsky.

Basel, Switzerland, September 25, 2012 – 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, announced Dr. Cornelius von Wilmowsky as the winner of the 17th André Schroeder Research Prize. Dr. von Wilmowsky, a PhD dentist, oral surgeon and researcher at the Friedrich Alexander University of Erlangen-Nuremberg, Germany, was presented with the award by ITI President Professor Daniel Buser at the ITI Congress Canada in Toronto on September 21, 2012. The prize is accompanied by an endowment of CHF 20,000.

Of all the submissions, “Diabetes mellitus negatively affects peri-implant bone formation in the diabetic domestic pig” was selected as the winning paper by the ITI Research Committee.

The aim of Dr. von Wilmowsky and his team comprising Philipp Stockmann, Igor Harsch, Kerstin Amann, Philipp Metzler, Rainer Lutz, Tobias Moest, Friedrich Wilhelm Neukam, and Karl Andreas Schlegel, was to investigate the effect of diabetes on peri-implant bone formation in an animal model of human bone repair. Dr. von Wilmowsky commented, “We know that poorly controlled diabetes affects healing in connection with dental implants, but do not know enough about the pathomechanisms concerned. The knowledge we gain through our research allows us to influence these pathomechanisms in order to increase the success rate of implants in diabetic patients.”

Dr. von Wilmowsky graduated from the School of Dentistry at Friedrich Alexander University in Erlangen-Nuremberg in 2005 and from its medical school in 2011. Between 2005 and 2009 he was a Research Fellow at the Department of Maxillofacial Surgery at Friedrich Alexander University where he has been working as a Resident in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery since 2011.

“It is an honor to have our work recognized by the ITI Research Committee and to be part of such a distinguished list of prize winners. This award serves to motivate us to continue along our chosen research path,” commented Dr. von Wilmowsky.

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About the André Schroeder Research Prize

The André Schroeder Research Prize is an annual award that carries a CHF 20,000 endowment and is one of the most prestigious awards in implant dentistry today. It is awarded to independent researchers for advances in dental research and development with the aim of promoting new scientific findings in implant dentistry, oral tissue regeneration and related fields.

The award was established 20 years ago and is presented in honor of the late Professor André Schroeder (1918-2004), the founding ITI President, who pioneered implant dentistry and whose lifework contributed significantly to modern dentistry.

The André Schroeder Research Prize 2013 will be presented at the ITI Congress North America in Chicago on April 4 to 6, 2013. Applications are being accepted until October 15, 2012. For further information, please visit the ITI website at: www.iti.org.

About the ITI

The International Team for Implantology (ITI) unites professionals around the world from every field of implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration. As an independent academic association, it actively promotes networking and exchange among its membership. ITI Fellows and Members, who now number 13,000 in total, 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 more than 30 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, organizes congresses and continuing education events and also publishes reference books such as the ITI Treatment Guide series. www.iti.org

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