



Press Release:
Professor Dr. Daniel Buser elected
President of the ITI.

Copenhagen, August 28, 2009 – The International Team for Implantology (ITI), a leading academic organization dedicated to the promotion of evidence-based research and education in the field of implant dentistry, today announced the election of Professor Dr. Daniel Buser (Bern, Switzerland) as the new ITI President. The elections were held at the ITI annual general meeting 2009 in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Dr. Buser has been an ITI Fellow since 1986 and has taken an active role in the organization's running since then. He has been a member of various ITI Committees, most recently Chairman of the Education Committee as well as serving on the ITI Board of Directors. In 2007, he was nominated President-elect. Buser follows outgoing President Professor Dr. Dr. Dieter Weingart (Stuttgart, Germany), who led the organization from 2005 to 2009. Weingart will assume the role of Past President and will continue to serve on the ITI Board until 2011.

“Dr. Buser is an excellent educator and a charismatic leader,” said Professor Dr. Dr. Dieter Weingart, outgoing ITI President. “His contribution to the ITI, particularly in matters of education, is vast and his dedication complete. I am confident that both the ITI and the entire field of implant dentistry will greatly benefit from his term of office as ITI President.”

Dr. Buser is an oral surgeon and currently Professor and Chairman at the Department of Oral Surgery and Stomatology as well as Executive Chairman of the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Bern, Switzerland. He has authored and co-authored more than 200 publications and book chapters and is also a driving force behind the enormously successful ITI Treatment Guide series.

“I am excited to take on my new role as ITI President and I look forward to working with the ITI Board of Directors to further establish the ITI as the leading academic organization in the field of implant dentistry,” said Dr. Buser. “Our main focus in the upcoming four years of my presidency will be on quality assurance through best-in-class education, the efficient implementa-

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tion of the recently established ITI University Program, on strengthening the ITI's independence as well as increasing ITI activities at a national level through our country Sections."

Dr. Buser received his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in dentistry from the University of Bern. He did research at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine in Boston, USA from 1989 to 1991 and spent educational sabbaticals at the Baylor Collage of Dentistry in Dallas, USA in 1995 as well as at the University of Melbourne, Australia from 2007 to 2008. His main scientific interests are in the field of tissue integration of dental implants, the bone-implant interface, bone regeneration in defect sites, guided bone regeneration, autografts and bone substitutes as well as long-term studies on dental implants.

In addition to his work for the ITI, Buser served as President of the European Association for Osseointegration (EAO) from 1996 to 1997, was President of the Swiss Society of Oral Implantology from 1999 to 2002 as well as President of the Swiss Society of Oral Surgery and Stomatology from 2002 to 2007. He is also currently President of the Board of the Swiss Implant Foundation and a Board member of the Osteology Foundation.

About the ITI

The International Team for Implantology (ITI) unites professionals around the world from every field of implant dentistry and dental tissue regeneration. As an independent academic association, it actively promotes networking and exchange among its membership. ITI Fellows and Members, who now number more than 6,500 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.

The ITI is active in three principal areas: research, development and education. In almost 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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