



## Press Release: The ITI launches ITI Online Academy University Campus.

### **The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio first educational institution to adopt ITI e-learning environment for undergraduate teaching**

**Basel, Switzerland, August 16, 2016** – The International Team for Implantology (ITI) announced the launch of its University Campus initiative. This unique program is offered free of charge to universities and dental schools, providing them with a complete e-learning environment to facilitate implant dentistry education.

An integral part of the ITI Online Academy – the ITI’s peer-reviewed, evidence-based e-learning platform – University Campuses enable universities to set up, customize and manage their implant dentistry learning environment autonomously. Each University Campus comprises the necessary technical infrastructure as well as unlimited access to all ITI Online Academy content. Universities can also add their own learning materials to their Campus and organize all the content as a structured curriculum. This gives universities a unique opportunity to easily integrate implant dentistry into their undergraduate curriculum.

Within each Campus, an unlimited number of classrooms can be created, and students as well as learning content can be assigned to each individual classroom. Discussion forums on both the classroom and the Campus level round off the package. Students have ongoing access to all the materials in their classrooms throughout their course of study.

“The ITI recently took a strategic decision to address the needs of the emerging generation of dental professionals”, said David Cochran, ITI President. “By providing a multi-faceted, state-of-the-art e-learning platform free of charge to providers of undergraduate education, the University Campus initiative effectively demonstrates the ITI’s commitment to the future of implant dentistry.”

The first ITI Online Academy University Campus was launched in June 2016 at the University of Texas Health Science Center (UTHSCSA) at San Antonio, TX, USA.

“The ITI Online Academy is the perfect platform for our virtual classroom,” said Dr. Stefanie Seitz, Assistant Clinical Professor at the UTHSCSA Dental School. “The students really enjoy the way content is presented and appreciate the freedom to manage their learning. And if interested in additional information on a particular topic, they can explore in a self-directed manner.” Assistant Professor Dr. Richard Zimmermann added: “The ITI Online Academy is a tremendous resource that allows students access to lectures from world-renowned experts.”

Three further Campuses will be established later this year at the University of Melbourne, Australia, the Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry, UK and the

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Academisch Centrum Tandheelkunde Amsterdam (ACTA), Netherlands. As of 2017, the program will be rolled out at every university already affiliated with the ITI through an ITI Scholarship Center or an ITI Center of Excellence. Later on, every university or dental school that fulfills criteria defined by the ITI can apply for a University Campus.

**About the ITI**

The International Team for Implantology (ITI) is an academic association that unites professionals around the world from every field of implant dentistry and related disciplines. It actively promotes networking and exchange among its membership of currently more than 15,000. 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 36 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 runs more than 600 Study Clubs around the globe. The organization also publishes reference books such as the ITI Treatment Guide series and operates the ITI Online 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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