

**Press Release:**  
**6th ITI Consensus Conference & ITI Annual General Meeting**  
**2018 in Amsterdam, Netherlands.**

**Latest ITI Consensus Statements defined and presented.**

**New ITI Section established in Chile.**

**Two Honorary Fellowships awarded: Prof. Dr. Gerhard Wahl and Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Weber**

Basel, Switzerland, April 23, 2018 – At its 6th ITI Consensus Conference, held in mid-April in Amsterdam, the ITI once again gathered together professionals from all over the world to review the latest literature and establish implant dentistry guidelines for the coming five years. Their findings were presented at the ITI Annual Conference on April 21, 2018 that was followed by the ITI Annual General Meeting.

Three days of intensive exchange by more than 150 professionals at the 6th ITI Consensus Conference culminated in the distillation of a new set of ITI Consensus Statements that will serve to guide implant dentistry practitioners for the next five years. The latest ITI Consensus Statements were presented in a concentrated day of lectures to a packed ITI Annual Conference. “Evidence-based science is central to the ITI philosophy and our regular ITI Consensus Conferences ensure that the implant dentistry community is kept informed of the latest findings at its disposal in regard to treatment approaches,” commented ITI President Stephen Chen.

To ensure that the Consensus Statements are available to as broad an audience as possible, they will be published online in an open-access supplement to *Clinical Oral Implants Research* in mid-June. The Statements will also be available on the ITI website.

ITI Consensus Conferences are held every 5 years to review the latest literature. The discussions of the most recent edition covered five main areas: surgery, prosthodontics, patient-reported outcomes, complications/risks and digital technologies.

**Annual General Meeting 2018**

At the end of his first year as ITI President, Stephen Chen highlighted developments within the organization over the previous 12 months. He took pleasure in announcing the establishment of a new Section in Chile – the ITI’s 28th – with a membership of 227, including 12 ITI Fellows.

As part of the ITI’s ongoing commitment to lifelong learning for professionals, the organization has also further consolidated its offering by launching the ITI Curriculum: a standardized syllabus of blended learning at the foundation and intermediate levels. Stephen Chen said:

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"The ITI Curriculum taken together with existing tools, such as our publications, Study Clubs, Congresses and World Symposia, allows us to close the educational circle and offer professionals with an interest in implant dentistry a full range of educational tools and services."

The ITI's partnership with universities around the world has also extended since the launch of the University Campuses in 2017. Currently 18 universities have chosen to integrate the University Campus virtual infrastructure into their teaching offering, along with free access to ITI Online Academy content. In this way, the universities are able to structure their campus as desired and support undergraduate students with access to implant dentistry learning materials.

### **ITI Honorary Fellowships 2018**

Since 1980, 16 ITI Fellows have been awarded the ITI's highest distinction of Honorary Fellowship. This year two Fellows were singled out for this honor that recognizes their contribution to the ITI and the field of implant dentistry as a whole. Both Professor Dr. Gerhard Wahl and Professor Dr. Hans-Peter Weber became part of the ITI in 1987 and in the intervening years both have been very active in their Section in Germany and the USA, respectively.

In his role first as Chair of the ITI Development Committee and then later Chair of the Section Management Committee, Professor Wahl sat on the ITI Board from 2007 until 2016. He was also Chair of the ITI Section Germany for 10 years until 2015 while also running the ITI Scholarship Center in Bonn until 2016.

In the USA, Professor Weber headed up first the ITI Scholarship Center at Harvard University before moving to Tufts University, both in Boston, and running the ITI Scholarship Center there until 2017. He was US Section Chair from 2006 until 2011. At an international level, Professor Weber chaired first the ITI Scholarship Committee and then the ITI University Programs Committee. He was instrumental in developing, setting up and running the latter program made up of the very popular international ITI Education Weeks.

### **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 17,000. 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 38 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 630 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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