ITI hosts consensus conference

Bern, Switzerland, will be the site of the International Team for Implantology’s annual conference, which will feature the results and recommendations from the fifth ITI Consensus Conference. Photo/www.sxc.hu

Event takes place in Switzerland every five years, results to be presented at ITI’s annual meeting

The International Team for Implantology is holding its annual conference 2013 entitled “Treatment Guidelines and Recommendations of the 5th ITI Consensus Conference” in Bern, Switzerland on April 27. The event will directly follow the fifth ITI Consensus Conference held in Bern from April 23–25.

With the rapid advances in clinical techniques and biomaterials in the field as well as novel ideas and different approaches, it is vital for clinicians to be able to access up-to-date information and clinical recommendations. The ITI Consensus Conference offers a scientific evaluation of the latest developments in the field and establishes a series of consensus statements.

Every five years, more than 100 leading clinicians and academicians from all over the world gather for three days of debate during which clinically relevant issues in implant dentistry are reviewed in detail. The resulting statements and guidelines represent a golden standard for the field of implant dentistry and form the basis for the ITI’s Treatment Guide series of publications.

In Bern, five working groups led by Michael Bornstein, Daniel Wismeijer, Dean Morton, German Gallucci and Lisa Heitz-Mayfield will discuss topics in the following areas:

1) Contemporary surgical and radiographic techniques
2) Restorative materials and techniques for implant dentistry
3) Optimizing esthetic outcomes in implant dentistry
4) Loading protocols in implant dentistry
5) Prevention and management of technical and biological complications.

The results of the conference will be presented at the Academy of Osseointegration’s annual meeting in Tampa.

Thousands attend AO annual meeting in Tampa

The Academy of Osseointegration hosted 3,070 total attendees at its 28th annual meeting, including 525 international dentists attending from 44 countries.

The emphasis in the scientific program was on achieving quality and leveraging the advantage conferred by the interdisciplinary team approach. The annual meeting program focused on the future with the theme, “Moving Forward: Evidence, Experience, Excellence.”

Leading off the program was researcher/clinician Lyndon F. Cooper, DDS, PhD, Chapel Hill, N.C., on the topic, “Translating Evidence into Treatment Predictability: What Evidence Do We Have? What Do We Need?” Cooper’s presentation examined the current status of dental implant therapy. His current clinical interests focus on the development of cell based tissue engineering for clinical bone formation and the immediate loading of dental implants.

The program was created by the 2013 Annual Meeting Committee, chaired by Dr. Dean Morton, Louisville, Ky.

Next year’s event will take place in Seattle from March 6–8.
Daniel Buser receives 2013 Nobel Biocare Brånemark Osseointegration Award

Award presented at AO’s annual meeting

The Nobel Biocare Brånemark Osseointegration Award is given annually by the Osseointegration Foundation (OF) to honor an individual’s impact on implant dentistry in any or all of the foundation’s mission categories: research, education and charitable causes. The award involves a selection process by which members of the Osseointegration Foundation’s Titanium Society propose distinguished candidates.

Dr. Daniel Buser, professor and chairman at the department of oral surgery at the University of Bern in Switzerland, becomes the sixth recipient of the Nobel Brånemark Osseointegration Award.

Of President Dr. Jonathan H. Orenstein, Mariton, N.J., presented the award March 9 at the end of the Academy of Osseointegration’s annual business meeting at the Tampa Convention Center in Florida.

Buser joins the ranks of Professor Brånemark, Drs. William R. Laney and Goerge A. Zarb, and Professors Daniel van Steenberghe and Ulf Lekholm as Nobel Biocare Brånemark Osseointegration Award honorees. The award is made possible by a grant from Nobel Biocare.

“The foundation is proud to present this award recognizing Prof. Daniel Buser for his outstanding record of leadership in implant dentistry. As a past president of the European Academy of Osseointegration and several academic organizations, he has been in the forefront of leadership in implant dentistry for a generation,” Orenstein said.

“The Nobel Biocare Brånemark Osseointegration Award is the highest honor bestowed by the foundation. It is our pleasure to recognize Prof. Daniel Buser for his accomplishments as a leader, teacher, and researcher in the field,” he added.

Buser has conducted three sabbaticals, including one at Harvard University in the Swiss Alps.

His main research areas are in tissue regeneration around dental implants, surface technology and guided bone regeneration.

He has authored and co-authored more than 280 publications, and several text books including a GBR book and two ITI Treatment Guides. He widely lectures at national and international conferences.

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