

HKU Faculty of Dentistry's Implant Centre to host "ITI Center of Excellence in Implantology"

The planned Implant Centre of the HKU Faculty of Dentistry has been selected by the International Team for Implantology (ITI) as Asia's first "ITI Center of Excellence in Implantology", under their worldwide "ITI University Program".

The ITI University Program aims at enhancing global implant education, coordinating high-quality continuing education in implant dentistry, and establishing a network of selected educational centres around the globe. Designated as an ITI Center of Excellence in Implantology, the HKU Faculty of Dentistry's planned Implant Centre will help conduct the ITI University Program in Asia, thereby promoting high-quality implant education at both local and regional levels. Under the educational agreement, ITI will provide infrastructure and equipment support.

As an ITI Center of Excellence in Implantology, the Faculty and ITI will co-organise various educational programmes in implant dentistry, in the form of Education Weeks for continuing professional development. Courses will focus on selected topics such as implant aesthetics, treatment diagnosis, and the handling of complications.

The first educational event will be the ITI Hong Kong Education Week of 24-31 October 2009, at the Prince Philip Dental Hospital, Hong Kong, titled "*Contemporary Periodontology and Implant Dentistry*" (see <http://www.facdenthk.org/news00.htm> for more details).

The ITI Center of Excellence in Implantology at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities for clinical skills training, as well as custom-designed areas for stringent infection control. In addition, a purpose-built seminar room adjacent to the main surgical facility will contain advanced audiovisual equipment for live surgical broadcasting.

ITI (website, www.iti.org) is a worldwide non-profit network of professionals in implant dentistry and related tissue regeneration that promotes and disseminates knowledge about implant dentistry.

In charge of the ITI Center of Excellence in Implantology at the HKU Faculty of Dentistry and the Faculty's ITI University Program is Professor Niklaus Lang (e-mail, nplang@dial.eunet.ch), Professor in Implant Dentistry and the Programme Director for the Faculty's Taught Postgraduate Programmes (MSc, MDS) in Implant Dentistry.

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