

---

## ITI Section

# Argentina & Uruguai

---

8

To celebrate the new partnership between Dental Press Implantology journal and ITI Brazil Section, we will present a series of interviews carried out with the leadership team of ITI sections from all around the world. We will begin with our South American neighbors, the renowned ITI Section Argentina & Uruguay, a major partner and collaborator of ITI Brazil Section. We also take this opportunity to disclose the ITI Online Academy which keeps getting better and better. Without further ado, please explore this amazing educational platform: it is the ITI reaffirming its commitment to high-quality education in Implantodontics and related fields. Enjoy the reading!

Mauro Tosta

**How to cite this section:** Interview, ITI Section Argentina & Uruguay, Dental Press Implantol. 2015 Apr-Jun;9(2):8-12.  
DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.14436/2237-650X.9.2.008-012.oar>

**Submitted:** March 16, 2015 - **Revised and accepted:** May 20, 2015



**Diego Bechelli** - *Study Club coordinator*



**Martha Theodorou** - *Chairperson*



**Santiago Caram** - *Communications officer*



**Hugo Alejandro Albera** - *Education delegate*

## What is the contribution ITI gives to Argentina/Uruguay?

*Martha Theodorou*

*Chairperson*

In recent years, dental implant placement has significantly increased in Argentina; however, presently, the number of complications has risen due to a number of reasons, among which the most frequent are lack of planning and inappropriate use of biomaterial (grafts, membranes and implants). Advances in technology and generation of scientific evidence-based knowledge are difficult to achieve in countries like ours. Similarly, formal education and ongoing professional development that allow adequate patient selection, recommendation and clinical management are also difficult.

ITI enables everyone to have access to formal education, professional development and risk assessment, allowing the latter to be minimized, planning to be developed and scientific evidence-based clinical outcomes to be achieved. This is all due to the educational resources provided by ITI, namely: congresses, Educational Days, Treatment Guides, Study Clubs, Online Academy and documents prepared during ITI Consensus Conferences (every five years, current literature is reviewed and evaluated, etc.).

At present, I believe that being an ITI member is a basic education investment that empowers us to provide our patients with the best treatment options

endorsed by the best scientific institution in the field.

**On the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> of September, 2016, the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, will host the III National Congress Argentina & Uruguay, under the theme “Interdisciplinary Implantodontics: clinics and evidence”. What are the characteristics of this event? What are your expectations?**

*Hugo Alejandro Albera*

*Education delegate*

We have prepared an ambitious scientific program that includes, among other activities, conferences held by renowned international speakers, such as Drs. Stephen Chen (ITI president-elect) and Christopher Evans from Australia, as well as renowned colleagues, members of ITI Argentina/Uruguay, such as Drs. Jorge Galante, Diego Bechelli, Guillermo Cagnone and Jean Paul Martinet.

The congress begins with a “Scientific Breakfast” during which 30 experts will simultaneously conduct interesting and interactive round-table presentations with small groups of attendees.

Furthermore, there will be a “Case Panel Discussion” that will count on the presence of distinguished local professionals, such as Drs. Santiago Caram and Enrique Fernández Bodereau from Argentina, and Drs. Edgar Berg and

Alejandro Lanis from Chile, all of which have recently returned from ITI Scholarship at University of Michigan.

This highly scientific event will also have poster presentations and a large trade fair during which the latest innovations in implant solutions and products, used for interdisciplinary dental practice, will be presented.

Our previous congress gathered approximately 300 attendees; our aim for the next event is to have at least 400, with an attractive program and activities that allow attendees not only to listen, but also interact with the speakers and feel active in the journey.

Without a doubt, we will have a great congress. You are invited to enjoy not only the event itself, but also the tourist attractions and cuisine the city of Buenos Aires has to offer. Friends from Brazil, welcome to Buenos Aires!

### **What impact did the Study Clubs have on ITI Argentina/Uruguay?**

*Diego Bechelli*  
*Study Club coordinator*

Undoubtedly, this ongoing educational development resource offered by ITI was one of the factors responsible for ITI section Argentina/Uruguay success.

Taking part in the study group, which exerts a significant influence over the major regions of both countries, has caused its

members to have a sense of belonging and allows them to bond with colleagues who have similar concerns.

In this context, the directors of the Study Clubs (SCs) played a major role in leading their groups and motivating their members to take part in events. Presently, I believe it is ITI most effective educational tool and the reason why many colleagues have become ITI members.

In addition to the well-known benefits brought by the fact of being a member of one of the most renowned Implantodontics worldwide associations, taking part in small groups composed of distinguished colleagues in a relaxed environment is also a major advantage. Due to long distances, the greatest drawback in our country might be being able to set up SCs in all regions where members come from; however, we will go on working on the quest to offer evidence-based education to each one of our members from both countries.

### **What is the importance of ITI in Argentina/Uruguay and which benefits does it offer to the area?**

*Santiago Caram*  
*Communications officer*

In my opinion, ITI allowed highly predictable protocols of various fields of interest within Implantodontics to be validated, spread and accessed by everyone. Effective and didactic access to

up-to-date information allows clinicians to establish scientific evidence-based clinical criteria, raise treatment quality and provide patients with immediate benefits. In the communication age, ITI uses all resources available and spreads its knowledge by means of congresses, scholarship programs, consensus conferences, study groups, webinars,

literature, discussion forums, among others. ITI commitment and earnest has allowed it to be fondly welcomed in our region where it currently is a tool considered by many colleagues as imperative, empowering them to be well-informed, updated and in touch with other professionals from Argentina, Uruguay as well as other countries all around the world.