
This book has taken the 40th anniversary of the ITI as an opportunity to look back on its beginnings. It describes the history and founding phase of the ITI, its struggle for consolidation and scientific recognition, and its development into one of the world's leading organizations in the field of implant dentistry. Special attention has been given to the founders of the ITI, but also to its Presidents and Honorary Fellows. This account therefore also represents the legacy of the doyens of the ITI and pays homage to them. The structural changes within the organization over time and their impact on the growth and current attributes of the ITI have been another focus. Finally, the role of the ITI's main partners – Straumann and Quintessence Publishing – have been outlined.