

1ST ICBI GLOBAL CONGRESS

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26 years of biological ceramic implantology meet the intelligence of a new era.

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

As President of the Board of Trustees, it is my great pleasure to invite you to the GLOBAL CONGRESS of the ICBI.

In 2020, I established our foundation under Swiss foundation law, which was later renamed the **ICBI – International Circle for Biological Implantology**. From the very beginning, the idea was to place the evident advantages that ceramic implants offer the surgeon on firm scientific ground.

The scientifically demanding work of the ICBI is carried out at the foundation level: the first Consensus Conference on Ceramic Implants in Nice in September 2025, as well as our current retrospective and prospective studies, which – with 450 implants each – are the largest studies ever conducted in ceramic implantology. In the University of Mainz and Professor Al-Nawas, President-elect of the DGI, we have a strong and committed academic partner; and in our board member Dr. Paul Henn, President of Next Generation DGI, we have a colleague within the university who is driving the studies forward and plans to complete his Habilitation – the German postdoctoral qualification – on the prospective study.

In the short time since the Consensus Conference, a considerable number of papers have already appeared in top-ranked journals, with a whole series more in preparation and under submission. The first analyses of the retrospective study, which we will present at the Global Congress, are exceptionally promising – and so we are confident that we will soon close the missing link in establishing ceramic implantology.

As our outward-facing, public instrument, we founded the ICBI Association, which already counts some 150 members and draws on an exceptionally experienced, internationally composed board – you will find the details on the final pages. The five board members will be confirmed in office by the general assembly immediately before the congress; as President of the Board of Trustees, I therefore have the pleasure of extending this welcome to you myself, and of paving the way for our incoming President, Dr. Amerian Sones, and her team.

CONGRESS**October 23–24, 2026**

Friday & Saturday · Pre-Congress October 21–22

VENUE**The Circle**

Convention Center · Zurich Airport · Hotel under the same roof

FORMAT**Two Tracks**

Science & AI · Congress held in English

The congress unites two worlds.

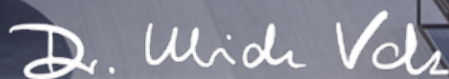
The first is the world of evidence: alongside practical case presentations by the surgeons involved in the studies, our board members will present the Consensus Conference and the studies that have grown out of it. The robust results are yours to apply — medico-legally and ethically sound — in your own practice the very next Monday. As clinicians, and I count myself among them, our membership looks back on some three decades of ceramic implantology and well over one hundred thousand ceramic implants placed. This treasure — until now buried in our archives, as the retrospective study strikingly reveals — is what we intend to bring to light together with the finest experts from science and academia, bringing more research, scholarship, and evidence into our work. **This is a movement you must not miss.**

The second world is that of artificial intelligence. Over the next three years, it will change our lives, our thinking, and our work more than the past three thousand years have. We intend to use it wisely — as a collective intelligence, for the benefit of our patients and the quality of our work, integrated into our daily practice as professionally as humanly possible. Here, too, the speakers on our stage could not be more qualified.

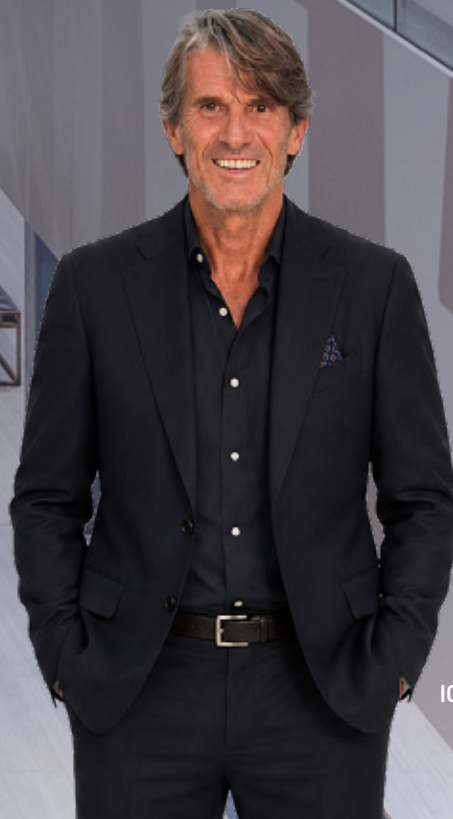
You will therefore leave the congress with knowledge of the highest order — on the level of evidence as much as on the level of intelligence. Two pre-congress workshops complete the program: scientific work at the highest level with the aid of AI, laying the groundwork for what may become your first own paper — or, alternatively, two avatar systems that you will be able to operate with ease yourself.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Warmly,

**Dr. Karl Ulrich Volz**

President of the Board of Trustees, ICBI



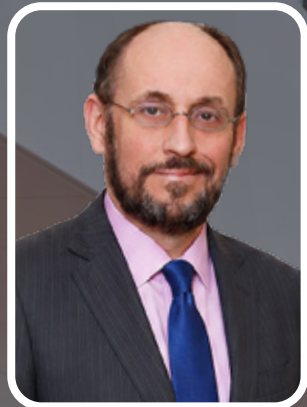
A World-Class Faculty.

The 1st ICBI Global Congress brings together what belongs together: 26 years of data on ceramic implantology and the practical power of artificial intelligence. Two days, two tracks, one venue — featuring the world premiere of the Nice 2025 Consensus Conference.



Prof. Dr. Amerian Sones

*Past President AO · Texas A&M, Dallas
Consensus Conference
Results & Prospective Study*



Prof. Dr. Jörg Neugebauer

*President AO 2024/25
Steinbeis University
Consensus Conference
Results & Prospective Study*



Prof. Dr. Alex Guo-Hao Lin

*UCSF · Dir. Postgrad. Periodontics
Consensus Conference
Scientific Workshop*



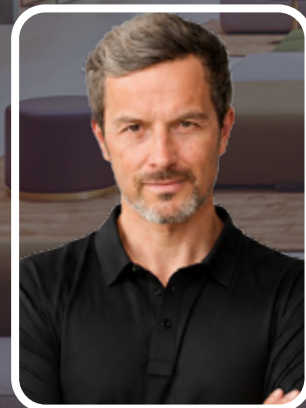
Dr. Fabian Langenbach

*Chief Strategy Officer DGI · Berlin
„Epistemic Challenges & Diagnostic
Potentials of AI”*



Prof. Dr. Klemens Skibicki

*Cologne Business School
„The AI-Driven Practice”*



Marc Friedrich

*Economist
7x SPIEGEL bestselling author
„The Future of Work in the Age of AI”*



Dr. Paul Henn

*Chair DGI Next Generation · Cologne
Consensus Conference
Scientific Workshop*



Dr. Karl Ulrich Volz

*Congress President Founder of the ICBI
„Collective Intelligence — From Generic
Tool to Individual Agent“*



Prof. Dr. Richard Z. Cheng

*NIH-trained MD · Shanghai/Columbia
„Surgery Is Systemic“*



Dr. Mario Parra Rawel

*Biohealth Dental Spain · Alicante
„AI in Dentistry: How We Use It -
and How It May Be Using Us“*



Dr. Gregor Hočevár M.Sc.

*Center Hočevár · Slovenia
Patient Cases
Retrospective Multicenter Study*



Dr. Robert Bauder

*Kitzbühel · Austria
Patient Cases
Retrospective Multicenter Study*



Moritz Kneer

*Kreuzlingen · Swiss Biohealth Clinic
Patient Cases
Retrospective Multicenter Study*

The Evidence.

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2026

08:00 ICBI General Assembly

10:00 Ceremonial Opening of the 1st ICBI Global Congress

10:15 **Scientific Block I – World's First ICBI Consensus Conference on Ceramic Dental Implants**

Key Outcomes and Clinical Implications.

WORLD PREMIERE

The results of the Nice 2025 Consensus Conference, made public for the first time: the methodology of consensus building, recommendations on indications, surgical and prosthetic protocols, peri-implant health, and long-term outcomes.

ICBI BOARD – Prof. Dr. Jörg Neugebauer · Prof. Dr. Amerian Sones ·

Prof. Dr. Alex Guo-Hao Lin · Dr. Paul Henn · Dr. Karl Ulrich Volz

11:00 **Surgery Is Systemic**

KEYNOTE

Nutrient status, redox balance, and microcirculation as determinants of healing

Prof. Dr. Richard Z. Cheng

11:45 Coffee Break

12:05 **Scientific Block II – Retrospective Multicenter Study**

FIRST PRESENTATION

The cases. Dr. Gregor Hočevár, Dr. Robert Bauder, and Moritz Kneer open their case files: documented treatment courses spanning more than five years of immediate restoration and immediate loading – case by case, with everything everyday practice throws at you. Bone levels, peri-implantitis incidence, success rates.

DR. GREGOR HOČEVAR M.Sc. · SLOVENIA · DR. ROBERT BAUDER · AUSTRIA

MORITZ KNEER · SWITZERLAND

13:15 Lunch Break

ON THE RETROSPECTIVE MULTICENTER STUDY

This retrospective study is the largest of its kind to date in the field of ceramic implantology: we are currently observing some 450 cases. The early trends are promising. Stable bone levels, low peri-implantitis incidence, and high success rates in immediate restoration and immediate loading protocols. I am convinced of it: these data deliver an argument for why ceramic implantology can become the standard, and not merely the alternative.

Dr. Paul Henn

Scientific Lead, Retrospective Multicenter Study · ICBI



Afternoon & Evening

FRIDAY
OCTOBER 23, 2026

14:15 Scientific Block III - Prospective Multicenter Study: Design, Protocol & Future Outlook
Tomorrow's foundation. The design, protocol, and timeline of the prospective multicenter study — and how practices around the world can take part in it.

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Prof. Dr. Alex Guo-Hao Lin · Dr. Paul Henn · Dr. Karl Ulrich Volz

15:15 Coffee Break

15:45 Scientific Discussion & Future Perspectives

PANEL

An open discussion with the ICBI Board: knowledge gaps, priorities for future clinical studies, implant materials, prosthetic concepts, peri-implant tissue biology, patient-centered endpoints, and regulatory questions.

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Prof. Dr. Alex Guo-Hao Lin · Dr. Paul Henn · Dr. Karl Ulrich Volz

16:30 Summary of Day 1 & Transition to Day 2
until 17:00

17:30 Aperitif at LEON'S BODEGA
Arrive, raise a glass · 17:30-18:30

18:30 Congress Dinner at LEON'S BODEGA
Networking after a day full of science · until 21:00

The Evening - Leon's Bodega

MAIN PLAZA · THE CIRCLE

After a day steeped in evidence, Leon's Bodega opens its doors — a few steps from the Convention Center, right in the middle of the Main Plaza. Between floor-to-ceiling wine racks and long tables, science becomes community.

This is the evening on which a board becomes a circle: speakers, board members, and participants at one table.

Aperitif from 17:30, Congress Dinner from 18:30 — and conversations that stay with you.



The Intelligence.

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 24, 2026**09:00** **Welcome & Introduction to Day 2****09:10** **The AI-Driven Practice** **KEYNOTE**
How AI is changing dentistry: patient journeys, marketing, team, and analytics
Prof. Dr. Klemens Skibicki**09:55** **AI in Dentistry: How We Use It - and How It May Be Using Us** **KEYNOTE**
Diagnostics, communication, marketing, management
Dr. Mario Parra Rawel**10:30** **Epistemic Challenges & Diagnostic Potentials of AI in Medicine** **KEYNOTE**
LLMs as statistical architectures: hallucinations, bias — and the real diagnostic potential
Dr. Fabian Langenbach**11:15** Coffee Break & Networking**11:45** **The Future of Work in the Age of AI** **KEYNOTE**
Between freedom, disruption, and reinvention — the macroeconomic perspective
Marc Friedrich · 7x SPIEGEL bestselling author**12:30** **Collective Intelligence - From Generic Tool to Individual Agent** **CLOSING**
The convergence of the clinician's DNA, the knowledge of the field, and the computing power of AI
Dr. Karl Ulrich Volz · Congress President**13:15** **Congress Closing Session****13:30** **Lunch & Departure**

The Consensus. The Outlook.

WORLD PREMIERE

World's First ICBI Consensus Conference on Ceramic Dental Implants

Key Outcomes and Clinical Implications · Scientific Block I · Friday, 10:15

For the first time, the results of the ICBI Consensus Conference (Nice, September 2025) will be presented publicly — the world's first initiative to establish evidence-based consensus statements for ceramic implantology.

Participants will gain an overview of the methodology by which the expert recommendations were developed, and of the current state of scientific evidence for treatment with ceramic implants. The speakers will work through the consensus statements on indications, surgical and prosthetic protocols, peri-implant health, maintenance, and long-term clinical outcomes.

At the center stands the question of how these recommendations can help standardize clinical practice, improve patient care — and identify those areas in which further research is needed.



THE CONSENSUS BOARD · NICE, SEPTEMBER 2025

THE CONSENSUS STATEMENTS IN DETAIL

- **Indications**
When is the ceramic implant the treatment of choice?
- **Surgical Protocols**
From access to immediate placement
- **Prosthetic Protocols**
Restorative concepts and loading
- **Peri-Implant Health**
Soft tissue, bone level, peri-implantitis
- **Maintenance & Long-Term Course**
Maintenance therapy and clinical outcomes

PANEL

Prospective Multicenter Study & Scientific Discussion

Design, Protocol & Future Perspectives · Scientific Block III · Friday, 14:15 & 15:45

This interactive session opens up the view ahead: building on the Consensus Conference and the multicenter research initiatives, the panel discusses knowledge gaps, priorities for future clinical studies, and ways to strengthen evidence-based treatment recommendations.

Topics include advances in implant materials, prosthetic concepts, peri-implant tissue biology, patient-centered endpoints, and regulatory questions. Also on the table: strategies for international collaboration, shared research infrastructure, and the translation of scientific findings into everyday clinical practice.

Participants are invited to discuss the future of biological implantology openly with the members of the ICBI Board.

ON THE AGENDA

- **Implant Materials**
What comes after today's Y-TZP?
- **Prosthetic Concepts**
One-piece and two-piece, digitally planned
- **Tissue Biology**
Peri-implant biology as a field of research
- **Patient-Centered Endpoints**
What counts beyond the survival rate?
- **Regulation & Cooperation**
Shared research infrastructure



SPEAKERS

Prof. Dr. Jörg Neugebauer · Prof. Dr. Amerian Sones
Prof. Dr. Alex Guo-Hao Lin · Dr. Paul Henn ·
Dr. Karl Ulrich Volz

The Evidence. The People.



Prof. Dr. Jörg Neugebauer

Germany

Scientific Block I & III · Panel – Consensus Methodology & Prosthetic Protocols

Studied dentistry at the University of Heidelberg; specialist training in oral surgery at the University of Cologne, where he subsequently served as attending surgeon. Habilitation in 2009; since 2021 Professor of Digital Dentistry at Steinbeis University Berlin. Associate Editor of IJOMI, board member of BDIZ EDI – and the first German President of the Academy of Osseointegration (2024/2025).



Prof. Dr. Amerian Sones

USA

Scientific Block I & III · Panel – Prosthetics, Maintenance & Long-Term Outcomes

Associate Professor at Texas A&M University College of Dentistry, Dallas, where she directs the Continuing Education program as well as the Dental Oncology Division. Degrees from Tufts University and UCLA. More than 35 years in prosthetic practice; Past President of the Academy of Osseointegration.



Prof. Dr. Alex Guo-Hao Lin

USA

Scientific Block I & III · Peri-Implant Health · Scientific Workshop

Associate Professor of Clinical Orofacial Sciences and Director of the Postgraduate Periodontics Program at the UCSF School of Dentistry. Trained at the University of Michigan; board-certified. More than 20 peer-reviewed publications. Focus on peri-implant disease and soft-tissue management.



Dr. Paul Henn

Germany

Scientific Block I-III · Panel – Study Design & Evidence Synthesis · Scientific Workshop

Summa cum laude, University of Cologne (2023). Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Cologne; in private practice in Ölbronn-Dürrn. Chair of the DGI Next Generation Committee. Focus on ceramic implants, digital implant planning, and practice-based clinical research.



PRE-CONGRESS · WED OCT 21 & THU OCT 22

From Search to Data Collection to Publication

Prof. Dr. Alex Guo-Hao Lin and Dr. Paul Henn lead the Scientific Workshop – from clinical observation to publication-ready evidence.

VENUE

The Circle

Convention Center · Zurich Airport

LANGUAGE

English

TIMES

WED 12-17 · THU 09-17



Prof. Dr. Richard Z. Cheng

China

„Surgery Is Systemic: Why Nutrient Status, Redox Balance, and Microcirculation Determine Healing Outcomes“

NIH-trained physician with more than 50 years in integrative oncology and orthomolecular medicine. M.D., Shanghai First Medical College; Ph.D., University of Arkansas. Editor-in-Chief of the Orthomolecular Medicine News Service; ISOM Hall of Fame.

ON THE LECTURE

Surgery is a controlled biological injury – and healing is a redox-regulated, nutrient-dependent process, not a purely technical event. This keynote presents a systemic framework in which surgical outcomes are shaped by the patient’s biochemical terrain: redox balance, micronutrient status, endothelial function, metabolic control, and microcirculation. Taking the osseointegration of dental implants as his model, Prof. Cheng maps the orthomolecular determinants of healing – the role of vitamin C, vitamin D, magnesium, and vitamin K2, as well as glycemic control. The lecture makes the case that the future of biological dentistry lies in systemic terrain optimization – and not in surgical technique alone.



Dr. Gregor Hočevár M.Sc. · Scientific Block II - Clinical Case Presentation Immediate Restoration & Immediate Loading

Focus: Biological dentistry, immediate implant placement, esthetic rehabilitation.

ON THE LECTURE

Immediate implant placement in the esthetic zone is considered technically demanding, with outcomes regarded as difficult to predict. This lecture challenges that assumption on the basis of clinical cases from the five-year retrospective multicenter study on zirconia implants. The presentation introduces a simplified protocol for immediate implant placement that addresses both the surgical and the prosthetic workflow – with the aim of increasing efficiency without compromising esthetic or biological outcomes. Long-term documentation demonstrates soft-tissue stability, esthetic integration, and the reproducibility of results.



Dr. Robert Bauder, MSc. MSc. · Scientific Block II - Clinical Case Presentation Immediate Implants in Complex Cases

Focus: Biological dentistry, immediate implant placement, all-ceramic restorations, periodontology

ON THE LECTURE

Health-conscious patients are increasingly asking for ceramic implants. This lecture presents techniques and protocols, focusing on complex cases from the retrospective multicenter study involving numerous implants in compromised situations.



Moritz Kneer · Scientific Block II - Clinical Case Presentation Complex All-in-One Restorations

Focus: Demanding immediate implants with immediate restoration in compromised patients

ZUM VORTRAG

In a quasi-inpatient setting (Swiss Biohealth Week), patients undergo comprehensive rehabilitation within a single stay. This lecture presents the demanding workflow, documented through patient cases from the retrospective multicenter study.

The Intelligence. The People.



Prof. Dr. Klemens Skibicki

Germany

„The AI-Driven Practice: How Artificial Intelligence Will Transform Dentistry“

One of Germany's best-known authorities on digital transformation and the future of work. Ph.D. in economic history, University of Cologne (2001). Professor at the Cologne Business School from 2004 to 2019. Co-founder of Convidera. Member of the German federal government's "Young Digital Economy" advisory council. More than 1,000 keynotes.

ON THE LECTURE

Artificial intelligence will not replace dentists — but it is fundamentally changing what it means to run a practice, win patients, and build a team. This lecture examines how AI is already reshaping the entrepreneurial side of healthcare: from automated patient journeys and AI-supported marketing to smarter scheduling, documentation, and practice analytics. Prof. Skibicki shows which workflows are ripe for automation and which human competencies become more important as a result. The lecture closes with a practical framework for professionals who intend to shape this change actively.



Dr. Mario Parra Rawel

Spain

„Artificial Intelligence in Dentistry: How We Use It, and How It May Be Using Us“

Specialized in ceramic implantology, biological dentistry, and AI integration. Founder of Biohealth Dental Spain. The first Spanish dentist certified as a "Specialist in Biological Dentistry"; in 2024, the world's first Real Biodentist Level 2.

ON THE LECTURE

More than a third of dental practices are already using AI — yet the conversation about how it is actually being used has only just begun. This lecture offers a practical and reflective overview of AI across four central domains of practice life: diagnostic imaging, patient communication, clinical marketing, and internal management. Drawing on real patterns from clinical consulting, each domain is examined not only for its potential, but also for how subtly it can change the way clinicians think, decide, and run their practices.



PRE-CONGRESS · WED OCT 21 & THU OCT 22

Build Your Personal AI Avatar

Create Once, Communicate Everywhere. Two levels across two days: the serious avatar you build yourself — and the "Hollywood" avatar built for reach.

FORMAT

Hands-on

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Dr. Fabian Langenbach

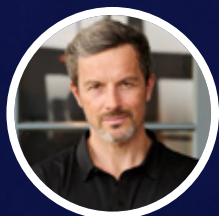
Germany

„Epistemic Challenges and Diagnostic Potentials of Artificial Intelligence in Medicine“

Ph.D. in biology combined with a master's degree in science communication. Laboratory and clinical research in Düsseldorf, followed by a managing directorship at AWZMK Berlin. Since 2023, Chief Strategy Officer of the DGI, responsible for AI in continuing education and certification.

ON THE LECTURE

The rapid development of AI demands a clear framework for understanding both its capabilities and its limits. LLMs are high-dimensional statistical architectures whose outputs are probabilistic inferences – not objective truths. Among the risks are hallucinations, systematic bias, and an intensified reproducibility crisis. At the same time, the lecture demonstrates AI's transformative potential in image-based diagnostics and argues for algorithmic support under strict human judgment.



Marc Friedrich

Germany

„The Future of Work in the Age of AI: Between Freedom, Disruption and Reinvention“

German economist and seven-time SPIEGEL bestselling author. Formatively shaped by the Argentine sovereign default of 2001. Independent since 2009 as a financial expert, author, and speaker. Runs one of the most widely followed finance channels on German-language YouTube.

ON THE LECTURE

Artificial intelligence is not a future scenario – it is a structural upheaval already underway, of a magnitude comparable to the Industrial Revolution. This lecture examines which professions face the greatest displacement from AI, and how the economics of the skilled trades and the service professions – dentistry among them – will change. An honest, data-driven look at the transition ahead, and a concrete call to action for every professional in the room.



Dr. Karl Ulrich Volz

Switzerland

„Collective Intelligence – From Generic Tool to Individual Agent“

Studied dentistry at the University of Ulm. Founded a metal-free private practice in 1992. Developed the Z-Look zirconia implant in 2001 and founded Z-Systems (2004) as well as SDS Swiss Dental Solutions (2007) – until its sale in 2023, the market-leading ceramic implant system. Originator of the “Swiss Biohealth Concept.” More than 30,000 ceramic implants placed since 2001. President of the ICBI Foundation Board.

ON THE LECTURE

Used in its default mode, artificial intelligence remains little more than a better search engine: interchangeable, without a voice of its own. Collective Intelligence is the convergence of three levels – the individual DNA of the clinician, the accumulated knowledge of the field, and the computing power of modern AI. Agents work in parallel on patient communication, insurance correspondence, treatment planning, and practice organization – and in doing so they speak with the practice's own voice.

THE HOME OF THE ICBI

The Circle at **THE CIRCLE.**



For the home of the International Circle for Biological Implantology, we chose what may well be the coolest location imaginable: The Circle at Zurich Airport.

The Circle at THE CIRCLE — this is where the ICBI is based, and this, inside the airport itself, is where the Global Congress takes place. That is no accident. The governing principle of the Global Congress — no filler, no padding, but structure and substance, straight to the point — carries all the way through to the logistics. Zurich is probably the best-organized airport in the world: still small and easy to navigate, reachable from every destination with Swiss precision and, as a rule, without delay. That makes it the ideal hub. And a two-minute walk brings you to a congress hotel of real style. All of it entirely headache-free and worry-free. At the same time, you take in the vibe of an internationally pulsing hot-spot: this new scene destination that even non-travelers seek out purely for its coolness — an environment of the highest order.

Welcome to THE CIRCLE.
Welcome home to the ICBI.



CONGRESS

Global Congress Ticket

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What language is the congress held in?

The 1st ICBI Global Congress is held entirely in English — Day 1 and Day 2, all keynotes and panels, as well as the Scientific Workshop. The Avatar Workshop is conducted in German.

What is included in the ticket price — and what distinguishes the three formats?

The Global Congress Ticket (€1,300) covers the two congress days, including lunch on both days and the Social Evening at Leon's Bodega. If you would also like to attend one of the pre-congress workshops, book one of the two bundles (€3,700 each, 4 days) — which puts the workshop at €2,400 on top of the congress ticket. All prices include VAT.

By when do I need to book my hotel room?

The room allotment at the Hyatt Regency Zurich Airport (directly at The Circle) is reserved under the booking code "ICBI Global Congress" until August 12, 2026. After that, part of the block will be released. We recommend booking early.

How do I reach The Circle from Zurich Airport?

The Circle is located directly at Zurich Airport and is reachable on foot from the terminal — no additional transfer required.

Is a companion welcome at the Social Evening?

A partner ticket is not automatically included in the congress fee. If you would like to bring a guest to the Social Evening at Leon's Bodega, simply write to annsophie.vonderheyden@icbi-foundation.org — for a flat fee, this is easily arranged.

Two Workshops. Two Worlds.

SCIENTIFIC WORKSHOP · BIOLOGICAL INTELLIGENCE

From Search to Data Collection to Publication

How does a clinical observation become a scientifically defensible research question – and how do documented treatment cases become publishable evidence? In this two-part workshop, Prof. Dr. Alex Guo-Hao Lin and Dr. Paul Henn show how clinical research in ceramic implantology can be carried out in a structured, efficient, and responsible way. What makes it exceptional: you go home not with theory, but with something tangible – the cornerstone of your own first scientific publication, developed over these two days. Participants develop a precise PICO model from their own clinical questions, build AI-assisted search strategies, and learn to test scientific sources rigorously for existence, quality, and reliability. From the selected publications, a compact evidence table emerges, with carefully worded, traceably sourced key statements.



The second module turns the focus to your own clinical documentation. Using standardized templates, case data, radio-graphs, clinical photographs, follow-up parameters, complications, and patient-reported outcomes are captured and organized so that they can later be analyzed and pooled scientifically. In addition, participants develop the basic structure of a poster, a manuscript draft, or a ten-minute presentation. The workshop conveys a workflow that works in practice, from literature search through data collection to scientific communication. AI serves as a supporting tool – under clear rules for source verification, transparent documentation, and responsible claims. The goal is to enable clinically active practitioners to contribute systematically to the scientific evidence in ceramic implantology. And more than that: with the support of both course leaders, you can go on to submit your work to a scientific journal – and present yourself at the highest academic level.

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Dr. Paul Henn

Prof. Dr. Alex Guo-Hao Lin

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PRICE

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Two Workshops. Two Worlds.

AVATAR WORKSHOP · ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR UNLIMITED REACH

Create Once, Communicate Everywhere.

The possibilities are evolving so rapidly that we have already upgraded the program substantially since the first round of planning — and we do not rule out a further upgrade before the Global Congress. As planned, we will record you in a fully professional greenscreen studio — in the historic “Swissair” premises — in a range of positions and situations, complemented by sessions in the sound studio. You go home with the best possible raw material, permanently at your disposal and reusable at any time. We are delighted to have partnered with Dr. Mario Parra for this. He is responsible for the presentation avatar — the serious variant, aimed at the audience you already have, with a clear focus on content — and he has made a name for himself with it over the past few years.



Coco Volz, whose work you know from the ICBI Instagram account, brings in the “Hollywood avatar”: special effects and striking appearances, made for social media — Instagram, Facebook, X, LinkedIn. Here, fractions of a second decide everything. In that instant you have to capture the attention of a virtually unlimited audience, turn them into followers — and then win them over, with serious content, for you and your work.

Ulrich Volz hosts and moderates both days. He puts the two very different styles into context and gives you a clear plan.

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Zurich · 10 min. from The Circle

FACULTY

Dr. Karl Ulrich Volz

Coco Volz

Dr. Mario Parra Rawel

LANGUAGE

German

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ICBI

ASSOCIATION

The ICBI Association is the scientifically leading, globally active society for biological ceramic implantology – it unites Europe, the Americas, and Asia under one roof. Its strength lies in a depth and breadth of expertise that has no equal in this field.

Its members rank among the most experienced clinicians in the world: at the very top, they have been placing ceramic implants for some three decades and have collectively placed well over one hundred thousand ceramic implants. This clinical experience is the foundation on which the scientific work of the ICBI rests.

Together with the leading figures of the first Consensus Conference on ceramic implants – Nice 2025 – the ICBI has set itself a clear goal: what has long been empirically visible in daily practice – the biological, immunological, and esthetic superiority of ceramic implants – must now be complemented by scientific evidence. Creating that evidence is the task the ICBI Association has taken upon itself.

PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION
Prof. Dr. Amerian Sones



Five Offices. One Mission.

ICBI Foundation
SWISS FOUNDATION · ZÜRICH

ICBI Association
OPERATIONAL CIRCLE · FIVE VOLUNTEER BOARD MEMBERS



PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

Prof. Dr. Amerian Sones

President · Leadership of the Consensus Conferences · Female Leadership Initiative · Mentorship and Partnership Program.
Professor, Texas A&M College of Dentistry, Dallas; Past President of the Academy of Osseointegration.



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Prof. Dr. Jörg Neugebauer

Vice President · Industry Relations · Continuing Education Asia.

Professor of Digital Dentistry, Steinbeis University Berlin; first German President of the Academy of Osseointegration (2024/25).



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Continuing Education North America · Community Building USA · Next Generation.
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Chair of the DGI Next Generation Committee; in private practice in Ölbronn-Dürrn; focus on ceramic implants and digital planning.



President of the Foundation Board

Dr. Karl Ulrich Volz

Global Congress · CE in AI and Biological Ceramic Implantology · Bridge to South America (COBIC / Brazil).

Founder of the ICBI Foundation; founder of Z-Systems, the Swiss Biohealth Clinic, and SDS Swiss Dental Solutions.



Operational Level

**Ann-Sophie von der Heyden
Carolina Volz**

They run the entire administration of the Association. Finances, membership, course and congress organization. A deliberate structural principle: it keeps the volunteer board free to focus on the scientific work.

MISSION. VISION.

Mission

The International Circle for Biological Implantology empowers the implant community to advance a biologic, medically integrated approach to ceramic implant therapy, supported by research, education, and the intelligent use of artificial intelligence.

Vision

The International Circle for Biological Implantology is the scientific community for ceramic implantology – uniting Europe, the Americas, and Asia, setting the scientific standards of the field, and pioneering the intelligent integration of artificial intelligence into a biologic, lasting implant legacy.

WHAT WE WILL BE MEASURED BY

CORE VALUES

Innovation

Advancing the evidence for ceramic implant dentistry through scientific and surgical innovation that transforms ideas, education, and patient care.

Integrity

Upholding transparency, accountability, and ethical stewardship of the member contributions entrusted to the Foundation.

Legacy

Ensuring the future of ceramic implant dentistry through an academic approach that honors the past and inspires the next generation.

THE ICBI PROMISE

A legacy that lasts – biological and intelligent.

Tasks & Goals.

The ICBI takes a different path from the established professional societies — and a better one. As a young, internationally oriented scientific foundation with no legacy baggage, it is building itself as an AI-native organization that connects science, education, and community across three continents. Its declared aim: to become the most significant international organization for biological ceramic implantology — through exceptional quality in everything it does.

01 Creating Visibility

Through scientific publications, the annual Global Congress, and recurring consensus conferences that shape the standard of the field.

02 Outstanding Continuing Education

Scientific continuing education as the core — regionally and thematically differentiated, markedly better and more biologically grounded than the usual offering.

03 Artificial Intelligence

As a point of differentiation from the established societies, and as a tool that scales science, education, and community.

04 Connecting Two Generations

The next generation of young clinicians and the established, experienced ones — joined into a single community through a scientific mentorship and partnership program.

05 Female Leadership

Giving women in the field a home and a platform — dedicated formats, targeted support, and visibility in a changing dentistry.

06 ICBI Best Practice Certification

A company- and system-independent certification with a focus on science and evidence that assures patients and referring colleagues that a clinician has been trained to the highest scientific standard and works in an evidence-based way.

Three Levels. One Body of Evidence.

The scientific work of the ICBI rests on three levels that build upon one another. Together they close the gap between the clinically long-visible superiority of ceramic implants and its formal scientific evidence — creating, for the first time, a body of data that is comparable across systems, regulatorily viable, and durably robust. Scientific evidence, clinical experience, and industrial responsibility — united on a shared, transparent basis for the next generation of implantology.

THE STATUS QUO

Consensus Conference — Nice 2025

More than thirty of the world's best-known scientists in the field have systematically captured the current state of knowledge — and at the same time named the decisive gaps in the evidence. Six manuscripts, accepted for the IJOMI Special Edition, form the foundation on which everything else is built.

THE ROBUST DATA SET · THE PAST

Retrospective Multicenter Study

As one of the most extensive retrospective analyses ever conducted on ceramic implants, it evaluates roughly 450 immediate implants from three centers — placed between 2015 and 2020, with a minimum of five years in situ. For the first time, it converts more than 25 years of clinical experience into robust, standardized, documented evidence.

THE SUPERIORITY OF THE FUTURE

Prospective Multicenter Study

The consensus protocol is applicable to every ceramic implant system — those on the market today and those yet to come. It unites all the relevant research questions in a single study, satisfies the regulatory requirements (PMCF / PMS) on the manufacturers' side, and makes the data comparable across systems for the first time. Within ten years, this will produce a body of data that matches titanium implantology in quality and scope — and surpasses it.

Methodology. **Precision as Principle.**

Level 02

Retrospective Multicenter Study

Design

Three centers, roughly 120 immediate implants each – placed between 2015 and 2020, a minimum of five years in situ. Immediate implants exclusively.

Primary Endpoints

Implant survival, implant success, and marginal bone level – assessed from standardized radiographs taken in routine clinical follow-up.

Secondary Endpoint

Cross-sectional analysis of peri-implant parameters after a minimum of five years: probing depths, bleeding on probing, radiographic bone loss, non-inflammatory buccal recessions.

Two Pillars of Evidence

Longitudinal long-term outcomes and valid cross-sectional data on the prevalence of peri-implant inflammation in ceramic implants. Commencing upon ethics approval.

Level 03

Prospective Multicenter Study

Terminological Harmonization

Precise definition of the fundamental classifications – one-piece, two-piece, split, reversibly screw-retained, cemented, bone-level, tissue-level, submerged – as the prerequisite for valid, comparable data.

Direct System Comparison for the First Time

The precise definition of the system classes permits, for the very first time, the direct comparison of different ceramic implant systems.

Regulation Built In

The protocol satisfies Post-Market Clinical Follow-up (PMCF) and Post-Market Surveillance (PMS) – universally deployable for the manufacturing side.

Ratification 2026

Finalization in close collaboration with leading international universities and centers – ratification during the 2026 Consensus Conference.

The limited number of active manufacturers opens up a singular opportunity: to bring the decisive players to one table – coordinated, scientifically grounded, under the neutral leadership of the ICBI.