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**Short text:**

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.

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**Thomas Straumann**, Dr. h. c., was instrumental in establishing the company that is the Straumann Group today, having initiated a management buy-out of the Synthes osteosynthesis division in 1989 and defining its focus on dentistry. He led the company, which went public in 1998, as CEO and Chair of the Board. Today he serves as Vice President of Straumann's Board of Directors. A close and amicable cooperation with the ITI and the promotion of its development have been of immense importance to Thomas Straumann throughout. For more than 20 years he sat on the ITI's Board of Directors and chaired the ITI Development Committee for many years. In 1997, he established Medartis, a company active in orthopedics and traumatology, which has been listed on the Swiss stock exchange since 2018. In 2011, Thomas Straumann was awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the ITI.

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