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ICOI EVENTS

Welcome to Mexico!

From February 1 to 3, 2001 the Mexican College of Oral Implantology (MCOI) and the International Congress of Oral Implantologists (ICOI) celebrated their 2nd Winter Symposium in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico.

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The acceptance of implantology as a science is growing worldwide. With more than 300 implantologists, Mexico is no exception to this rule. The MCOI and its president **Prof. Dr. Eduardo Topete Arámbula** have supported this development for many years. At the 2001 symposium more than 30 renowned implantologists covered topics ranging from single tooth replacement, Platelet Rich Plasma, to lasers, alternatives in implantology etc. We had an interview with **Prof. Dr. Eduardo Topete**, President of the MCOI.

Please tell us a Brief History of the MCOI

At the World Congress XII in 1992 in Sydney, Australia, the Mexican delegation intended to organize an ICOI congress in Mexico. After a first meeting the Scientific Association of Mexican Implantologists (Sociedad Científica de Odontoiimplantólogos Mexicanos) was founded which later changed its name to Mexican College of Oral Implantologists (MCOI).

The first joint congress with the ICOI was held in 1996 in Puerto Vallarta. The ICOI Board of Directors elected to hold an ICOI/MCOI congress every two years.

And how many dentists do you have in Mexico?

About 7000. Many young doctors want to become implantologists, so we are doing this for future generations.

What about Post Graduate Implant Education in Mexico?

In February 1999 implantology was recognized as a speciality in



MCOI President: Prof. Dr. med. dent. Eduardo Topete Arámbula

dentistry in Mexico. Fifteen graduates of a year of studies of Diplomate in Oral Implantology received their certificates from the "Asociación Mexicana de Implantes Dentales" (AMID) in Mexico City.

There are approximately 14 new graduates in the one-year diplomate program of 150 MCOI members. The Mexican Society of Dental Implants which is a part of the MCOI. Step by step the ULA program in implantology and implantology as a science are gaining acceptance. And now the patients too are asking for implants. In former times people asked for dentists now they ask for implantologists.

Can all students in Mexico study implantology at the university?

One or two classes are dedicated to implants in the university curriculum. That's all. Greater emphasis on implant dentistry will be placed in the ULA programs.

Thank you for the interview.