

ist es mir gelungen, viele Kollegen vom Thema Implantologie zu überzeugen.

Mit Stolz kann ich heute sagen, es ist mir gelungen. Natürlich werde ich diese Arbeit in den kommenden Jahren fortsetzen und weitere Zahnärzte von der Wichtigkeit der Implantologie überzeugen. Ganz wichtig ist hier für mich, diesen Kollegen einen hohen Standard auf neuestem wissen-

schaftlichen Niveau zu ermöglichen. Eine enge Zusammenarbeit mit dem ICOI aber auch der deutschen DGZI, deren Mitglied ich bin, ist da sehr wichtig. Mich verbindet mit vielen deutschen Implantologen eine enge Zusammenarbeit, ja Freundschaft.

Wird es eine Fortsetzung dieser Kongresse in Mexiko geben?

Erfolgreiches soll man fortsetzen. Bereits im Mai werden wir einen weiteren Kongress in Acapulco durchführen. Auch das ICOI/MCOI Wintersymposium wird aller zwei Jahre weiterhin stattfinden.

Danke Herr Prof. Topete für das Gespräch und Ihnen alles Gute für Ihre weitere Arbeit.

Agency News



ICOI hosts its Winter Symposium in Mexico

For the second time in the last six years, the ICOI held its winter symposium in lovely Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, February 1-3, 2001. Desperate to escape one of the worst winters in many years, U.S. and Canadian "snowbird" doctors, their spouses and teams took the opportunity to enjoy the temperate climate of Mexico while the doctors helped fulfill their continuing educational needs.

As with the first symposium in Puerto Vallarta in 1996, this conference was co-hosted by ICOI Mexican Affiliate Societies, El Colegio Mexicano de Implantología Oral, El Colegio Nacional de Cirujanos Dentistas and La Asociación Mexicana de Implantes Dentales. The ICOI would like to thank our scientific chairmen for this meeting, Dr. Lawrence Fallender, Dr. Alan Schneider, **Dr. Eduardo Topete** and Dr. Miguel Lilly of for their assistance in organizing this event. As is customary, several doctors were presented with their advanced credentials at the symposium. Receiving their Fellowship certification were the following doctors:

Dr. Alan H. Gerbholz - Castle Rock, Colorado, USA / Dr. Andrew P. Howard - Loveland, Colorado, USA / Dr. Aleksandar Janic - Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada / Dr. Kenneth W. Lee - Sydney, Australia / Dr. Christopher Martin - Idabel, Oklahoma, USA / Dr. William H. Miller - Arlington, Texas, USA / Dr. Ernest Moran - El Paso, Texas, USA / Dr. Carlos Rubio - San Louis, Arizona, USA / Dr. Robert F. Stanton - Kingwood, Texas, USA



Newest ICOI Diplomates receive their credentials in Puerto Vallarta.

Four doctors joined the ranks of our most advanced credentialing when they accepted their Diplomate certificates and medallions. Newly anointed ICOI Diplomates were Dr. William A. Couvillion, Baton Rouge, LA, Dr. Eric Randolph Koch, Jasper, TX, Dr. Robert F. Stanton, Kingwood, TX and Dr. Robert A. Smith, Nacogdoches, TX.

The social highlight of the weekend was the gala dinner held on an island in Puerto Vallarta bay. The Pre-Hispanic night or "Ritmos de la Noche" began with a 45 minute boat ride to the island. Once on the island, guests were met by torch-bearing natives who guided them to an island "restaurant" for a magnificent buffet dinner with wines and spirits. Following dinner, revelers were led to a hillside stage where they witnessed exotic native dancing representing the pre-hispanic period.



ICOI Fellows are flanked by Dr. Miguel Lilly (L.) and Drs. Carl Misch and Eduardo Topete (R.) as they receive their credentials in Puerto Vallarta.



Prof. Dr. Eduardo Topete M.C.O.I. President.



Dr. Carl E. Misch, giving the ADIA and PM Certifications to T.A.I. Eduardo Topete Zamora.