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André Schroeder Research Prize awarded to Michael Hänggi

The André Schroeder Research Prize, an annual award worth CHF 20'000 for the advancement of dental research and development, was presented in Paris today to Dr Michael P. Hänggi of the Department of Preventive Dentistry and Oral Microbiology, University of Basel Dental School, Switzerland. The award was made during Straumann's 50th Anniversary Event at the 13th Scientific Meeting of the European Association of Osseointegration in Paris.

Michael Hänggi is the eleventh recipient of this prestigious prize and was selected by the jury in particular for his scientific study of changes in the crestal bone around titanium dental implants. His work has contributed to the understanding of early changes in the bone level around dental implants and how this relates to the interface between the rough and smooth parts of the implant surface. Hänggi's radiographic studies up to three years after implantation also indicate that bone level is affected by oral hygiene and periodontal disease. Bone level is important as it supports the soft tissue that is crucial to the esthetic outcome of the implant.

First presented in 1992, the Prize serves to promote new scientific findings in oral implantology and related fields. It is given in honor of the late Professor Schroeder, who pioneered dental implantology and whose life's work contributed greatly to modern dentistry. Sponsored by Straumann, the André Schroeder Prize furthers illustrates the company's commitment in the field of research and development, where it ranks among the leading contributors in the industry.

Previous winners are: Dieter Weingart (1992), Franz Sutter (1993), Daniel Buser (1995), David Cochran (1996), Joachim Hermann (1997), Siegfried Heckmann (1998), Alexandra Behneke (2000), Leif Persson (2001), Lisa Mayfield (2002), Yuelian Liu (2003).

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