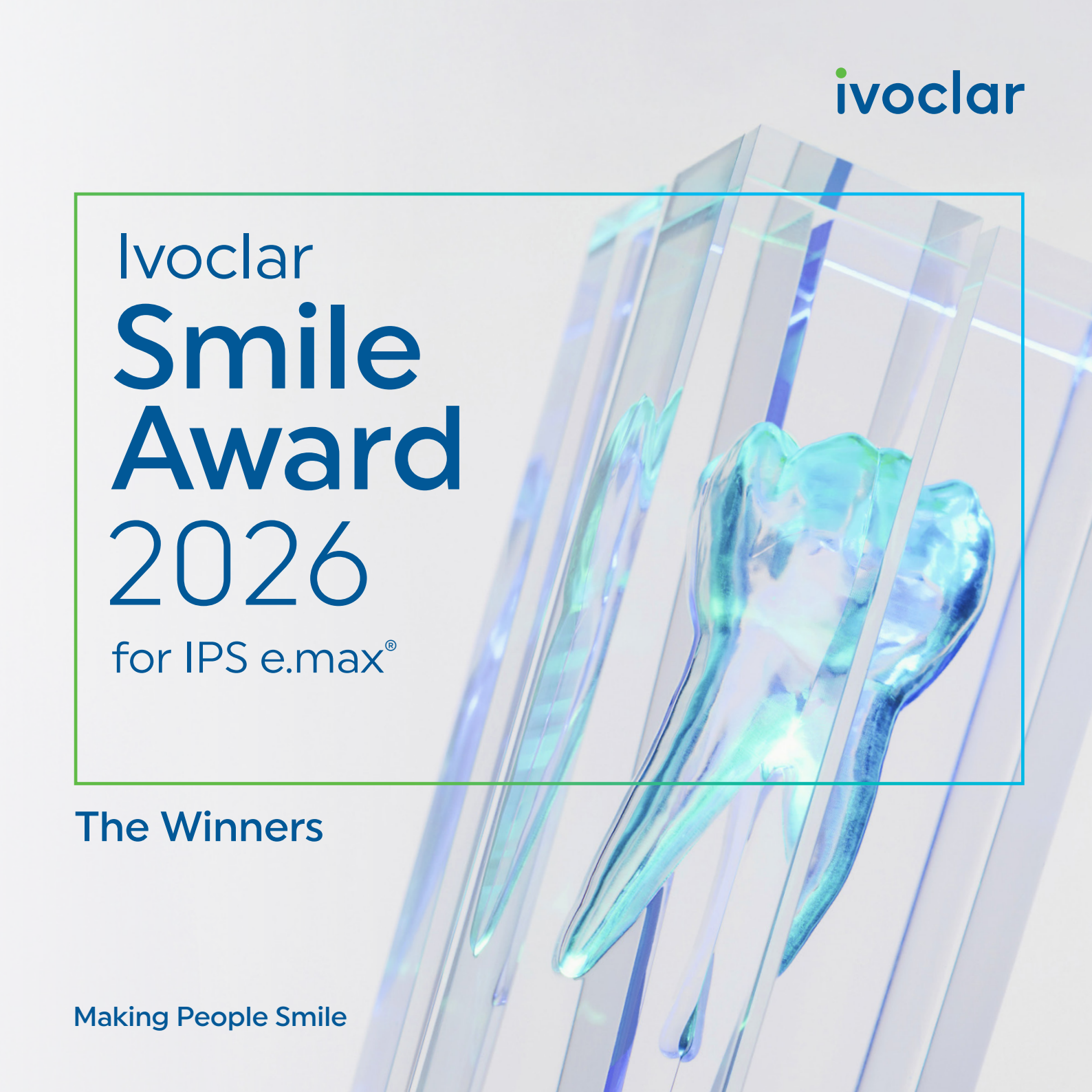


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Ivoclar Smile Award 2026

for IPS e.max[®]

The Winners

Making People Smile

Celebrating outstanding craftsmanship

Because every smile tells a story!

With the Ivoclar Smile Award, Ivoclar celebrates such remarkable transformations and the passionate dental professionals who make them possible.

The award honours these masters of their craft who combine skill and innovation to create smiles around the world.

The Ivoclar Smile Award shines a light on what often goes unseen – the precision and joy that come with perfecting one's craft, inspiring trust in patients.

The contest not only offers a platform for creativity and outstanding achievement, but also provides a unique opportunity to network with international colleagues, learn from experts, exchange knowledge, and celebrate a shared passion for the craft.



The Material

For the 2026 edition of the Ivoclar Smile Award, the spotlight is on IPS e.max®.

The exceptional cases presented in this book demonstrate the possibilities that emerge when clinical expertise, technical craftsmanship and innovative all-ceramic materials come together.

Using IPS e.max, dentists and dental technicians around the world create restorations that not only enhance smiles, but also help patients regain confidence and improve their quality of life.

Each case is a testament to the passion, skill and dedication behind modern esthetic dentistry – and to the material that helps turn vision into reality.

IPS e.max – All ceramic. All you need.



The Award Winners

Proven Masters

Asia

- 8

1st Place

Qifei Li

Long Chen
- 10

2nd Place

Yuji Hasegawa

Ryoji Ishii
- 12

3rd Place

Jun Iwata

Kenji Aoki

Europe / Middle East / Africa

- 14

1st Place

Filippo Menini

Simone Maffei
- 16

2nd Place

Volodymyr Tovarnytskyi

Roman Dolyk
- 18

3rd Place

Juan Legaz

Dominique Vinci

Latin America

- 24

1st Place

Jorge E. Luna Páez

Mauricio Romero
- 20

2nd Place

Jessica Dourado

Ivan Santos
- 22

3rd Place

Martin Ibáñez

North America / Oceania

- 30

1st Place

Niall Quigley

Bilal Denno
- 26

2nd Place

Ho-Yeon Choi

Marc Meura
- 28

3rd Place

Varun Garg

Matteo Moro

Rising Talents

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1st Place

Taishi Murakami
- 34

2nd Place

Ronghao Yang
- 36

3rd Place

Emiri Ban



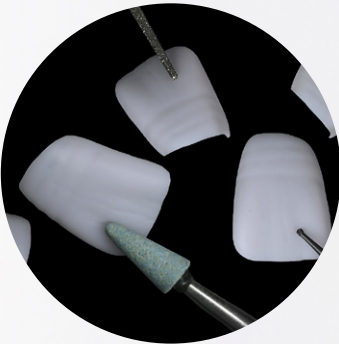
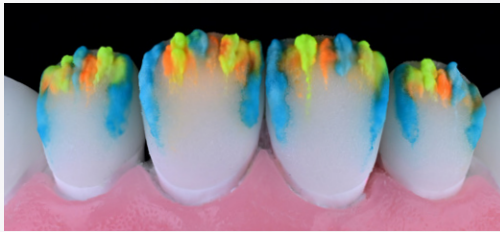
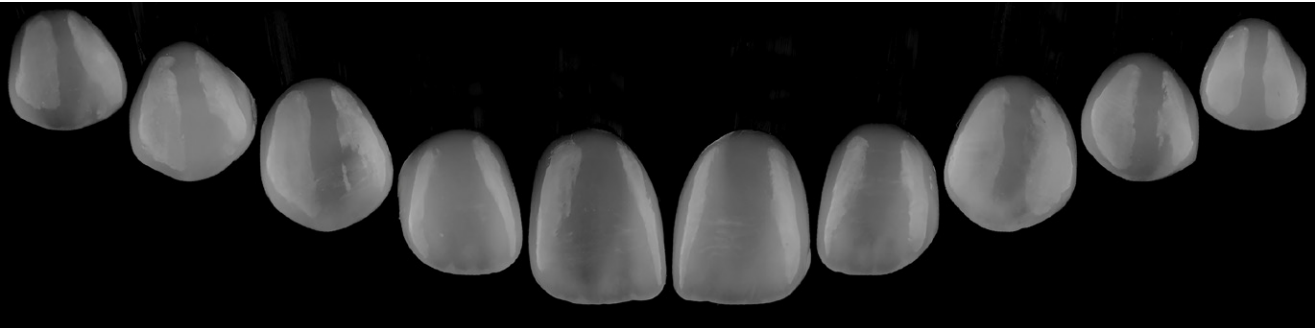
1st Place

China
Qifei Li | Long Chen

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Initial Situation



Final Result

2nd Place

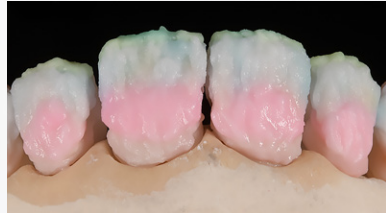
Japan

Dr Yuji Hasegawa | Ryoji Ishii

Used materials: IPS e.max® ZirCAD Prime Esthetic | IPS e.max® Ceram | IPS Ivocolor®



Initial Situation



Final Result

3rd Place

Japan

Dr Jun Iwata | Kenji Aoki

Used materials: IPS e.max® ZirCAD Prime Esthetic | IPS e.max® Ceram | IPS Ivocolor®



Initial Situation



Final Result



1st Place

Italy
Dr Filippo Menini | Simone Maffei

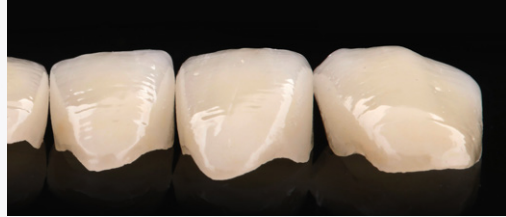
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Initial Situation



Final Result



2nd Place

Ukraine

Dr Volodymyr Tovarnytskyi | Roman Dolyk

Used materials: IPS e.max® Press | IPS e.max® CAD | IPS e.max® Ceram



Initial Situation



Final Result



3rd Place

Switzerland
Dr Juan Legaz | Dominique Vinci

Used materials: IPS e.max® CAD | IPS e.max® Ceram | IPS Ivocolor®



Initial Situation



Final Result



1st Place

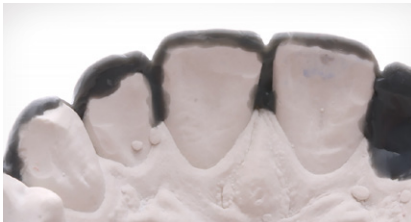
Mexico

Dr Jorge E. Luna Páez | Dr Mauricio Romero

Used material: IPS e.max® Ceram



Initial Situation



Final Result



2nd Place

Brazil
Dr Jessica Dourado | Ivan Santos

Used materials: IPS e.max® Press | IPS e.max® Ceram



Initial Situation



Final Result

3rd Place

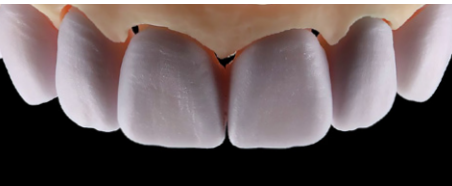
Argentina

Dr Martin Ibáñez

Used material: IPS e.max® CAD



Initial Situation



Final Result



1st Place

Australia
Dr Niall Quigley | Bilal Denno

Used materials: IPS e.max® Press | IPS e.max® Ceram



Initial Situation



Final Result



2nd Place

Australia

Dr Ho-Yeon Choi | Marc Meura

Used materials: IPS e.max® ZirCAD Prime Esthetic | IPS e.max® Ceram Art | IPS Ivocolor®



Initial Situation



Final Result

3rd Place

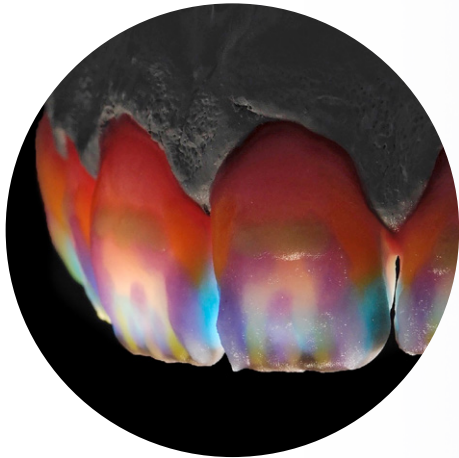
Australia, New Zealand

Dr Varun Garg | Matteo Moro

Used material: IPS e.max® Ceram



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Final Result

1st Place

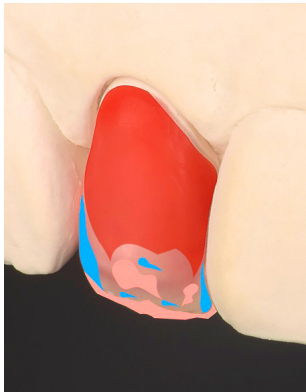
Japan

Taishi Murakami

Used materials: IPS e.max® Press | IPS e.max® ZirCAD Prime | IPS e.max® Ceram



Initial Situation



Final Result



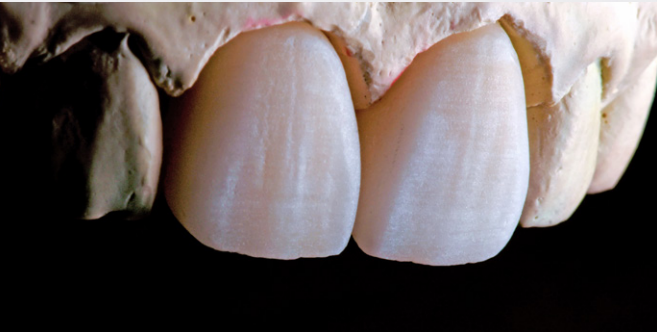
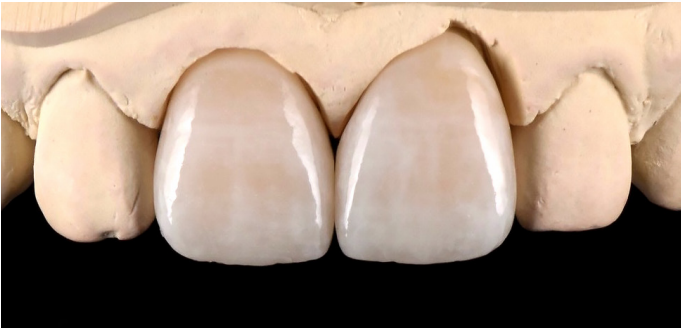
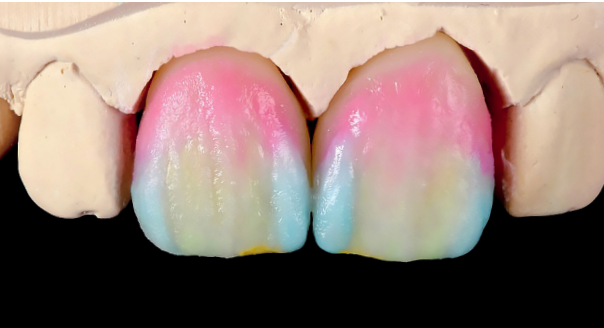
2nd Place

China
Ronghao Yang

Used materials: IPS e.max® ZirCAD | IPS e.max® Ceram



Initial Situation



Final Result

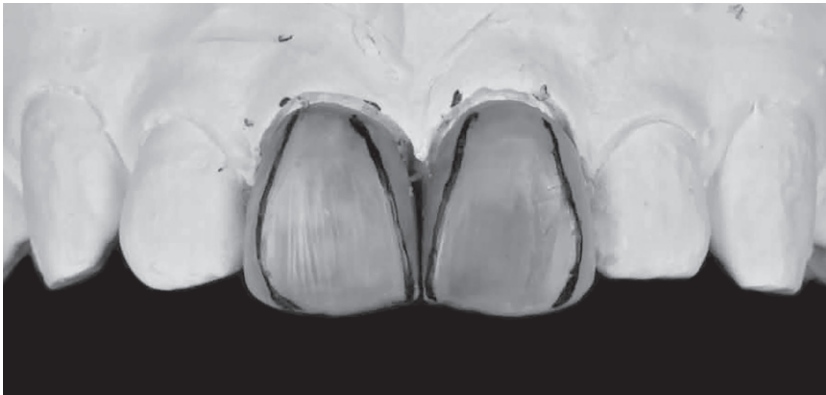
3rd Place

Japan
Emiri Ban

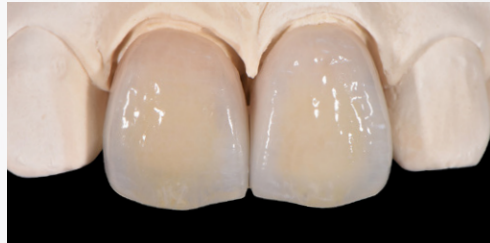
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Initial Situation



Final Result



The international Jury



**Dr Mohan
Bhuvaneshwaran**
India



**Oliver
Brix**
Germany



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Daniel Edelhoff**
Germany



**Vincent
Fehmer**
Germany, Switzerland



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Kongkiatkamon**
Thailand



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Margvelashvili-Malament**
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**Jessica
Love**
USA



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Maurizi**
Argentina, Spain



**Yuki
Momma**
Japan, USA



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Andrea Ricci**
Italy



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Carme Riera**
Spain, Switzerland



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Saavedra**
Brazil



**Prof. Dr
Irena Sailer**
Germany, Switzerland



**Dr Andrea
Shepperson**
New Zealand



**Maria
Spanopoulou**
Greece



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