

# Making history



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Dear colleagues,

I think I can honestly say that we made history early in October at DGZI's 40<sup>th</sup> International Annual Congress in Berlin. Like no other implantological association, DGZI represents the extraordinarily successful development of implantology from an "unorthodox" treatment, faced with many opponents and supported by only a few enthusiasts, to a modern, renowned and scientifically-documented dental discipline.

In his speech, the President of the German Dental Medical Association, colleague Peter Engel, noted in particular the achievements of dental practitioners, while DGZI's President, colleague Hendrik Terheyden, commented that he does not see any contradiction between scientific research and dental practice, and on the contrary, a close relationship between the two has led to a very productive cooperation.

The expert associations keep in frequent and cooperative contact with each other, particularly through the Consensus Conference, whose current President is Mr. Roland Hille, which works hard to support the interests of dentists working in the field of implantology and implantology as a whole.

DGZI is aware of its responsibility for the further development of this special field and intends to face the coming years with momentum and a healthy self-confidence. We will draw on tried and tested methods to reach our potential and are especially dedicated to enhancing the work of junior staff as well as students. Apart from providing opportunities for expert colleagues to exchange thoughts and for universities to cooperate freely, DGZI's approved training curricula, regional study groups, congresses and many other training programs are an important basis for the future activities of our specialist implantology association.

Yours,

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