

## BDIZ EDI office in Munich as of 2023

# BDIZ EDI goes Munich

In future, BDIZ EDI will concentrate its administrative work at the Munich office, where BDIZ EDI President Christian Berger and press officer Anita Wuttke have been working since 2006. Following the retirement of Brigitte Nötzel, the BDIZ EDI board is pulling up stakes in Cologne. The Munich office will take over the association administrative functions starting in 2023.

Important meetings have already been held in Munich since 2006. Activities with a European and international dimension have been directed from here, and this is where the media and chief editorial offices have been located. The office in the Munich district of Theresienhöhe will be the central hub of the association.

Helga Karanikas has been on board since 2018. A former assistant to the President of the Bavarian Chamber of Dentists, she will take over major aspects of membership administration and event organisation.

“We are not starting from scratch, because a great deal of BDIZ EDI’s work has been performed or supported from here over the years”, says Anita Wuttke, a journalist who runs her own independent media office and who has been working for various associations and organisations in the dental field for many years. 2022, she successfully managed the election campaigns of both the Chamber of Dentists and the State Association of Contract Dentists. She has been Editor-in-Chief of *BDIZ EDI konkret* and *EDI Journal* since 2013.

BDIZ EDI President Christian Berger is looking forward to seeing the importance of the Munich office grow: “We have been planning the relocation of our office to Munich for many years—and we are definitely ready. Of course, we will have to pool the various roles and tasks. With the help of modern technology,



Press officer Anita Wuttke and staff member Helga Karanikas work in the Munich office.

we can do this successfully, because our association can draw on great talent and expertise at all levels.”

In the future, BDIZ EDI will focus on resource-saving digital solutions, driven and implemented in particular by BDIZ EDI managing director Dr Stefan Liepe.

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The new office can also be used for meetings. It has already been used for this purpose in the past.





The office is located between Harras and Theresienwiese.

## Contacting the BDIZ EDI office

From 2023, the BDIZ EDI office will be located here:

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The billing hotline also has a new phone number: Kerstin Salhoff will be available on Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at +49 89 72069-883

## Three questions for BDIZ EDI

### **What changes will members encounter?**

**Berger:** Members will hardly notice anything—except for the new phone number. The Munich office—where I have my desk—has been taking care of a variety of duties for many years and has gradually taken over many administrative tasks. Our board member Stefan Liepe is an expert when it comes to IT and digital media. Here the digital modernisation of BDIZ EDI's services is in the best of hands!

### **What changes will we see in BDIZ EDI's administrative sphere?**

**Dr Liepe:** We have been going through a restructuring process at BDIZ EDI for years. Mostly this has involved the digitisation of our processes. The most important step at this point is the relocation of the office to Munich. We have entered into a new banking relationship. And we are in the process of using new association software to help digitalise and simplify labor-intensive processes such as invoicing. This will also lead to significant savings. We can then allot the funds we saved to important projects to support our members with fee-related issues.

### **What goals will BDIZ EDI pursue in future?**

**Berger:** We will continue to offer our major training courses face to face: Expert Symposium in Cologne, Europe Symposium, Expert Conference on behalf of the Consensus Conference on Implantology; we will also continue to help develop guideline in the field of oral implantology. As university professor emeritus, our Vice President, Joachim Zöller, will be able to focus more intensively on continuing education and scientific discussion for the BDIZ EDI. With 17,000 participants since 2020, our webinars are an unbeatable

tool for educating members quickly and unconventionally. Our secretary general, Jörg Neugebauer, will be much more involved in them than he has been in the past. Given the strong demand, we are planning to launch another curriculum: Curriculum South. Personally, I will continue to work intensively on private dental billing and the pertinent schedules and legal frameworks. We are looking for and finding solutions to show our members how to drive their practice profitably despite having to work with a state-mandated fee schedule that has not been updated in 35 years.

