



The BDIZ EDI office is moving

## Goodbye to Brigitte Nötzel

Brigitte Wilhelmine Nötzel is quite an institution at BDIZ EDI. Members and non-members alike have known her as a competent worker and warm-hearted soul at the Cologne office—always approachable, always ready to answer any question, drawing on her many years of experience. Now she is ready to retire.



A heartfelt thank you and a bouquet of flowers were given to Brigitte Nötzel by BDIZ EDI Board Member and Treasurer, Dr Wolfgang Neumann, on behalf of the entire board. The pictures above show the former office in Cologne-Porz, Brigitte Nötzel at work and a thank you from 2012 after the conference of experts by Dr Hans Hermann Liepe to Brigitte Nötzel and Alexandra Papke.

In June 2006, Brigitte Nötzel, who is from Sankt Augustin near Bonn, began her “life among implantologists”, working alongside two other employees at the Bonn-Bad Godesberg office. A trained legal assistant, she had worked for Christian Democratic Union party in Bonn—first as an assistant at its central German office, then at its press office in Bonn, then at the party’s business enterprise Dico-Soft—and then in assistant positions for executives of associations and corporations in Bonn. She brought a lot of experience to her position, serving members of the BDIZ EDI, answering telephone and written inquiries of absolutely every kind related to oral implantology and BDIZ EDI’s

offerings. In July 2006, the office moved to new premises in the north of Bonn, where Brigitte Nötzel has taken on the full workload all by herself since 2017, including moving the office to Cologne in August of this year.

### Always on duty

Brigitte Nötzel knows the BDIZ EDI inside and out—and everything associated with it. For many years she was the go-to person for the Curriculum Implantology and for obtaining or extending the formal “Focus of Professional Activities: Oral Implantology”. She acted as the first point of contact for inquiries about legal and billing issues, upcoming BDIZ EDI events she organised or helped organise, and she always had the board’s back. She was responsible for billing and bookkeeping, membership administration, distribution of incoming letters, whether from the Federal Ministry of Justice or the Federal Ministry of Health, the Federal Joint Committee on social security policy, universities, the dental industry, or of course individual members.

She worked hand in hand with the Munich-based press office of BDIZ EDI and willingly shared her knowledge with all employees. Brigitte Nötzel’s retirement marks the end of an era at BDIZ EDI. The association’s office will be located in Munich from now on. “The board would like to express its sincere thanks for her many years of extraordinary commitment. Her paramount sense of duty and her dedication have helped her manage the Bonn and Cologne offices all by herself throughout the past few years. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for all her hard work”, said Christian Berger. Brigitte Nötzel will be taking her well-deserved retirement but will continue to contribute her valued expertise to our projects.

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