



## Moving forward with BDIZ EDI in 2023

Dear colleagues,

The year 2022 was remarkable in many ways—although, to tell the truth, not always in a positive sense. The various flavours of SARS-CoV-2 were keeping us on our toes. COVID-19 is no longer able to spread terror the way it did in 2020 and 2021, so the worst may actually be behind us, but we are not nearly back where we were before COVID-19; we will have to live with SARS-CoV-2 and its mutants.

The pandemic has also left its mark on society and the economy. Politicians from Brussels to Berlin acted too timidly. As physicians and dentists familiar with meticulous treatment planning, we wonder why the pandemic was not approached in a similarly systematic fashion. Not a trace of proper crisis management.

BDIZ EDI will, of course, continue to take care of your concerns in 2023, even as caps on contractual dental services and the fight to renew the fee schedule continue to haunt us in Germany—to say nothing of the inflation monster everywhere in Europe. Starting in 2023, we will concentrate all our physical resources at our office in Munich. We will digitalise many processes to save on resources. But this will not detract us from the focus of our activities—giving our members the best possible advice, providing them with useful legal tips and offering high-quality training.

Since the very beginning of the pandemic, we have been conducting very successful webinars (online seminars). So far, we have not taken these webinars to the international level—but that is about to change. We have excellent speakers lined up, and we can rely on our well-functioning administrative team. We are therefore pleased to invite the members of our partner associations to participate! Attendance is free of charge.

Visit our booth at IDS 2023 (Hall 11.2, O069) to learn more! Here you can meet our team of hosts and some of the speakers. Our webinars of course cover implantological topics—but are in no way limited to them. The EU Medical Device Regulation, MDR, is weighing heavily on the dental industry, and on dentists as well. Many medical devices we use in everyday practice may soon no longer be available “thanks” to an unspeakable maze of unreasonable regulations and requirements. We are actively countering these challenges, by raising our voice, by informing the public and politicians, by seeking out allies wherever we can. Our legal counsel, Professor Thomas Ratajczak, is an expert on the MDR. Feel free to learn about the implications for dentistry in one of our English-language webinars.

One thing that will remain unchanged in 2023 is the Expert Symposium. I would like to cordially invite you to attend our 18<sup>th</sup> Expert Symposium in Cologne on 19 February 2023, which will put short, angulated and reduced-diameter implants to the test. Looking forward to seeing you there!

On behalf of my colleagues on the BDIZ EDI board, I would like to thank you for your support and for your interest in our work and our goals.

We hope you will enjoy a peaceful holiday season—and a fulminant start into a successful new year 2023.

Christian Berger, President BDIZ EDI

