

## Czech-Bavarian-Saxon-Austrian dental symposium with BDIZ EDI

# Looking back: 15<sup>th</sup> European Symposium in Karlovy Vary

BDIZ EDI was one of the cooperating partners of the Czech-Bavarian-Saxon-Austrian dental symposium, which took place in Karlovy Vary (Czechia) in May 2022. Prof. Joachim E. Zöllner, Vice President BDIZ EDI, represented the association as a presenter.

Owing to the COVID-19 pandemic, this event, hosted by the dental chambers, could not take place these past two years. Then, in May 2022, the window of opportunity finally opened. The venue was the venerable Czech city of Karlovy Vary (sometimes called Carlsbad in English). This old Austro-Hungarian-style spa in the north-west of Czechia provided a worthy backdrop for the symposium at the Grandhotel Pupp.

In terms of professional policy, a major goal was to share information about the different systems for billing dental services. It transpired that the Austrian system of basic services being covered by social health insurance, combined with a predominantly private sector, differs significantly from the German and Czech systems.

During the ceremony, the Presidents introduced their respective chambers: Roman Šmucler, docent, MUDr, CSc, President of the Czech Dental Chamber (ČSK); Christian Berger, President of the Bavarian Chamber of Dentists (BLZK); Klaus W. Böning, Professor, Dr med. dent., Vice President of the Saxon Chamber

of Dentists (LZKS); and Sven Orechovsky, MR, Dr med. dent., member of the board of the Austrian Dental Chamber (ÖZÄK).

The two-day congress provided opportunities to discuss issues arising from bilateral cooperations. But the symposium also offered instructive and exciting presentations delivered by speakers from all participating countries. The two BDIZ EDI Presidents also held presentations. Overall, the scientific programme covered modern implantology, periodontal therapy in the different countries, laser treatment, botulinum toxin in modern dentistry and facial surgery, auto-transplantation of teeth and artificial intelligence.

### Continuing professional development

BDIZ EDI Vice President Prof. Joachim E. Zöllner gave a lecture on implant surgery. One of the most important prerequisites for successful implant-prosthetic rehabilitations is patient-oriented implant surgery, he said, citing accurate diagnostics and planning



Introducing the boards Presidents at the start of the joint dentists' day, including: Christian Berger for the BLZK.



BDIZ EDI Vice President Prof. Dr Dr Joachim Zöllner during his presentation on the Cologne CCARD.



Also in presence for the BDIZ EDI: Dr Wolfgang Neumann and Dr Stefan Liepe.

that take into account patient expectations. The surgical measures that Zöller included in his presentation were bone augmentation in patients with an insufficient bone supply, navigated implant placement and periodontal surgery. Recent years have seen the development of a number of novel procedures. Zöller also discussed differential indications for the various augmentation procedures to achieve high success rates. The augmentation procedure to be performed, he said, should be selected primarily on the basis of the size and geometry of the defect.

For this purpose, BDIZ EDI has developed a simple, therapy-oriented defect classification for standard cases in a guideline from 2013, which provide suitable recommendations, based on examples, for established therapeutic procedures for the respective defect class. The associated risks are also highlighted. Furthermore, in addition to template-guided implant placement, Zöller also presented the soft-tissue techniques necessary to create sufficient attached gingiva.

The chamber Presidents from Bavaria, Saxony, Czechia and Austria were so pleased with the outcome of the event that they expressed their intention to repeat it. The search for a suitable date is already in full swing.

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View over Carlsbad.



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