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## Team spirit in implantology

Dear colleagues and friends,

**Today, increasing expectations** in terms of shorter treatment times are a major demanding for dentists and dental technicians. The challenge for the practitioner is to obtain an immediate temporary restoration added to the implant placement with an ideal aesthetic result in the shortest possible treatment time. Also, for many years, practitioners and patients have been concerned about bone resorption, leading to reduced retention and, therefore, stability of conventional dentures. Full-arch implant-supported fixed dental prostheses may provide more comfort and substantial improvements in prosthetic function, adaptation, and stability compared to conventional treatment options. In this issue of **implants—international magazine of oral implantology**, you will find some interesting patient cases that address these very issues.

Furthermore, in our interview with Dr Dirk U. Duddeck, Managing Director and Head of Research at the CleanImplant Foundation, you will learn how the seal of quality, which underlines the first-class surface cleanliness of dental implants, is only awarded after a rigorous, peer-reviewed analysis and testing procedure.

Despite the high temperatures, let us take a glimpse at what lies ahead in the busy autumn: The DGZI, German Association of Dental Implantology, is pleased to welcome you to a top event under the motto “Implantology in the team” in the beautiful city of Hamburg. On 6 and 7 October, the 52<sup>nd</sup> International Annual Meeting will take place, once again hold with a modified concept. Attendees will

experience a dental convention that sets the course for the future, raises new questions, and provides answers, but also shows new ways in the interaction between participants, speakers, and industry. This content-related claim is also reflected in the congress programme and the innovative organisational concept.

Participants and speakers from Japan, Georgia, Egypt, Kuwait, and the USA (just to name a few countries) will have the opportunity to network, to receive first-class practical training and to build a bridge from the latest scientific findings in the academic field to the implementation of innovations in daily practice. During the congress, the DGZI “Implant Dentistry Award” will be awarded in the categories “Dental Implantology”, “Implantological Assistance” and “Dental Implant Prosthetics”.

Enjoy two content-rich and instructive training days and get to know the historic Hanseatic city of Hamburg!

Yours,

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