



## Nothing is more constant than change

Almost 40 years after its scientific recognition, oral implantology has reached a high technical and scientific level. Now the profession is increasingly looking beyond the implantological horizon. How can peri-implantitis be controlled? When and where should preventive measures be taken? How do practitioners deal with the ongoing “epidemic” of periodontitis when—as in Germany—changes in the legal framework make systematic long-term treatment no longer economically viable?

The BDIZ EDI has launched the interdisciplinary training series “Implantology step by step”, which presents the current state of the art in practical oral implantology. The pilot webinar by Prof. Christof Dörfer helps to better understand how the various processes in the human body are intertwined. The dentist’s domain is by no means limited to the oral cavity. Dentists are immersed in the workings of the whole organism and its complex physiological and chemical relationships. Oral and systemic diseases interact closely. We intend to share the take-home messages from the webinar with all readers of the *EDI Journal* in the form of an interview in the next issue.

Demographics is the topic of the second pilot webinar with Dr Markus Tröltzsch, who shows that demographic change is having a significant impact on implant dentistry and that this is leading to changes in practice orientation.—A worthy start to the training series, with two forward-looking topics that we are also working on for the *EDI Journal*.

In this issue we would like to draw your attention to a number of innovations. There is a new implant pass from the BDIZ EDI, which is much better suited to the needs of practices than the previous one. We will include a copy in the next issue and offer all readers of the *EDI Journal* the opportunity to print this implant passport.

The entire “corporate design” of the BDIZ EDI, the face it presents to the outside world, has also been refreshed after remaining largely constant for 30 years. Take a closer look at the cover: the BDIZ EDI logo now features an implant instead of a tooth. The distinctive European stars have been retained for reasons of recognition but have been graphically revised. All members are welcome to request the logo as a file for you to use on your website to promote your membership.

These are, of course, only a few aspects of the overall work of the BDIZ EDI. What we have achieved in 2022 and 2023 is documented in our report on the General Meeting in Kiel, where the board gave an account of its activities. The association has covered a great deal of ground—the annual guidelines for practitioners, an implant brochure for patients, the initiative to file a lawsuit against the German Standard Schedule of Fees for Dentists (GOZ) with the Administrative Court in Berlin, the Conference of Experts on Implantology convened on behalf of the Consensus Conference on Oral Implantology, participation in the development of industry-wide guidelines, webinar offers, curricula and expert symposia.

You can read about them all in this issue of the *EDI Journal*.

Best regards,

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