

## The BDIZ EDI at the 64<sup>th</sup> Bavarian Dentists' Congress

# A foray into dentistry

State-of-the-art and clinically relevant dentistry and the opportunity to exchange ideas with colleagues—these are the hallmarks of the Bavarian Dentists' Congress (19–21 October 2023). The 64<sup>th</sup> edition certainly lived up to the highest expectations. More than 1,000 delegates experienced an exciting weekend of continuing education.

### Personalised dentistry

It is increasingly recognised that men and women can react differently to diagnosis, treatment and prevention. To illustrate this range, the 64<sup>th</sup> Bavarian Dentists' Congress of the Bavarian State Chamber of Dentists (Bayerische Landes Zahnärztekammer, BLZK) was held under the motto "The small (big) difference—patient-specific planning and therapy".

Fifteen speakers addressed topics such as "Men's common colds and other deadly diseases", gender marketing, general medical challenges and the use of artificial intelligence. Differences between male and female patients in terms of tooth preservation, prosthetics and periodontology

were also on the agenda. Other topics included the telematics infrastructure, data protection and quality assurance and the impact of political austerity measures. Dentists were also able to update their formal X-ray qualifications. Prof. Johannes Einwag from Würzburg, who is responsible for training at the BLZK, chaired the programme.

### Knowing and exploiting margins

The congress for the practice team also focused on "The small (big) difference". This one-day course was offered on Friday, 20 October. The five presentations explored "Other countries—other customs" and went on a "Tour de Periodontology".

They focused on gender marketing, smart billing and emergency management. Chair of the Bavarian Dentists' Congress: Prof. Johannes Einwag.

Parallel to the congress programme, the BLZK again presented certificates to the successful graduates of the advanced training courses for dental prophylaxis assistants (ZMP), dental hygienists (DH) and dental administrative assistants (ZMV). The best graduates were also awarded the Master Prize of the Bavarian State Government.

### "GOZ reform is overdue"

Bavaria's acting Health Minister, Ulrike Scharf, had called on the Federal Govern-



ment to provide dentists with a reliable framework. Speaking at the opening of the Bavarian Dentists' Congress in Munich, Scharf emphasised: "High-quality medical care close to home is essential for the well-being of our citizens. We must therefore ensure that the dental profession remains attractive for dentists wishing to set up a practice. The success of any practice depends on adequate remuneration. The Federal Government must not forget the outpatient service providers."

### Science prize with four winners

The Association for the Promotion of Scientific Dentistry in Bavaria (Verein zur Förderung der wissenschaftlichen Zahnheilkunde in Bayern, VFwZ) awards the Professor Dieter Schlegel Science Prize for outstanding dental dissertations at Bavarian universities. This year, four winners were honoured; they had completed their doctorates at the University of Munich and the University of Würzburg.

### Not without the BDIZ EDI booth

One of the speakers on Saturday was Dr Dr Markus Tröltzsch with his presentation about augmentation vs short, angu-



The BDIZ EDI team at the booth in Munich: (from left to right) Kerstin Salhoff, Wolfgang Neumann, Anita Wuttke and Helga Karanikas.

lated and reduced-diameter implants. In this presentation, he referred to the current Guideline on the subject. All available copies of the Guideline at the BDIZ EDI booth were gobbled up shortly after the presentation!

Sources: BLZK, BDIZ EDI



Spoke about augmentation versus short, angulated and reduced-diameter implants: Dr Dr Markus Tröltzsch (left), member of the board of the BDIZ EDI from Ansbach.



National women's football coach Martina Voss-Tecklenburg, spoke about her work.



The Bavarian Health Minister Ulrike Scharf, who was in office at the time of the Dentists' Day, called for the GOZ amendment.