

Obituary

Gerhard Stachulla



The internationally renowned and widely respected master dental technician passed away on 8 November 2023 at the age of almost 71. He died peacefully, surrounded by his loved ones, with many wishes still on his mind—but simply too soon.

Gerhard Stachulla, born on 12 November 1952, completed an apprenticeship as a dental technician after graduating from high school, and from 1982 onwards, he dedicated himself to this profession as an ambitious master dental technician. He worked as a managing director in various companies before setting up his own commercial dental laboratory in Augsburg. He recognised the potential of digital dentistry at an early stage and was probably one of the first to get involved with CAD/CAM technology, particularly in the field of implant prosthetics. He can certainly be described as a pioneer, perhaps even the pioneer of navigation surgery in Germany. As a specialist in 3D planning systems, he was in demand nationally and internationally for surgical procedures and also as an experienced lecturer. His presentations as a dental technician at high-profile dental events were an excellent example of interdisciplinary collaboration. His achievements have been recognised and admired at all levels.

Over the years, he has helped to shape various events as a speaker for the BDIZ EDI. We particularly remember the Expert Symposium in Cologne and his constructive participation in the European Consensus Conference (EuCC).

Despite a busy professional life, Gerhard Stachulla's family came first. He found private balance as a passionate glider pilot and in his dream house at the foot of the Chiemgau Alps.

In Gerhard Stachulla, we have lost a lovable person and true friend on whom we could always rely, as well as an accomplished dental technician with many ideas. He leaves a void that will probably never be filled.

We will cherish his memory and keep him in our thoughts.

We extend our sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to his family.

Dr Friedemann Petschelt, for the BDIZ EDI

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