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Here's to new endeavours for the year!



Dear colleagues and friends,

The board of the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI) has set ambitious goals for this year. Following our agenda for the board's term of office, we intend to focus primarily on the area of knowledge transfer and knowledge creation. Our experience with the relaunch of our curriculum, especially since the introduction of the online modules, has been extremely positive—and not only in terms of a significant increase in the number of graduates. We are very pleased about this, of course, but even more so about the positive feedback, especially from younger colleagues who have completed our curriculum—we have clearly recognised the needs of a new generation and understood how to satisfy these with a suitable training programme. There is no doubt that this will be the starting point for further activities.

Based on the sustained momentum from our incredibly important and very successful annual congress in Hamburg last autumn, we are already focusing on the DGZI highlight of this year. It may still seem a long way off, but our next International Annual Congress is already on the horizon. It will take place in Düsseldorf this year. You can look forward to a high-calibre, exciting and attractive programme that will cover many relevant issues in implantology.

We have also succeeded in engaging distinguished speakers, and moreover, the North Rhine-Westphalian

metropolis is always worth a visit and is sure to please everyone, including our international guests. The international relationships and even more so the global friendships and networks that the DGZI has forged over more than five decades have supported our growth as the oldest European specialist society and must be maintained. This is an important part of our annual programme.

As you can see, dear colleagues, there will be a great deal going on this year too, but be assured that, even with all the focus on the activities described, our commitment as a practitioner society remains unwavering: to uphold our credo of promoting excellent implantology for dentists in private practice.

In this spirit, I would like to send you my warmest regards and wish you much pleasure in reading this first issue of *implants* in 2024!

Yours,

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