

## In memoriam Dr Philippe D. Ledermann

# A pioneer in oral implantology

It is with deep sorrow that BDIZ EDI announces the death of Dr Philippe Daniel Ledermann from Bern, Switzerland. He passed away on 17 March 2024 in Bern. He was awarded the BDIZ EDI Medal of Honour in 2009 for his outstanding work in the field of oral implantology.

Ledermann was a pioneer in oral implantology, significantly shaping the discipline through his dedication and innovative developments. His studies and innovations led to the creation of the Ledermann screw, named after him. Together with Andre Schroeder, he was involved in the development of the ITI systems.

His particular interest was in the osseointegration and mucosal integration of endosseous implants. His pioneering activities led to the development of the HaTi implant concept and improvements to the Ledermann screw. As a practitioner, he dedicated himself to superstructures, providing essential impulses for prosthetic designs. Through numerous publications, seminars, courses, lectures, and a monograph, Ledermann not only set scientific milestones but also significantly contributed to the practical training in dental implantology.

His meritorious work earned him numerous national and international honours. During the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of BDIZ EDI in 2009, Ledermann received the BDIZ EDI Honorary Medal for his decades-long exceptional work in oral implantology and thus for his life's work. Ledermann, inventor of the eponymous screw, had been the first to prove that immediate loading in the anterior mandible results in approximately the same success rates as classic conventional loading.

A multitasking person, he was musically gifted, studied law alongside his work as an implant dentist and his activities as an inventor, and he published several works of fiction and non-fiction after closing his dental practice in 2006. He died in Bern at the age of 79 years. Our thoughts are with his wife Marina and his family. We will cherish Dr Ledermann's memory with affection and respect.

**Christian Berger**  
on behalf of the BDIZ EDI Board





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