

In memoriam Prof. Peter Tetsch

A passionate scientist and teacher

Prof. Peter Tetsch died on 4 April 2024. BDIZ EDI remembers his pioneering spirit in implantology with great affection. He was a visionary and active participant in oral implantology, inspiring and motivating dentists with his dedication and commitment.

In 1984, Prof. Tetsch assumed the role of chair of the Working Group on Implantology within the German Association of Dental, Oral, and Craniomandibular Sciences (DGZMK). During his tenure, the group expanded to become a highly regarded specialist circle.

Tetsch's dedication to scientific inquiry and passion for teaching led him to integrate implantology into the curriculum well before it became a common practice. He was a mentor and inspiration to many students and residents and was a sought-after lecturer at more than 1,000 continuing education courses. His ability to impart knowledge and inspire others with his ideas and concepts was extraordinary.

With substantial financial support from the German Research Foundation (DFG), Tetsch initiated a groundbreaking study on "Progress Monitoring and Further Development of Dental Implants". This study, conducted in collaboration with five universities, established the scientific foundation for the recognition of implantology in Germany and beyond.

Prof. Tetsch was a leading figure in his field. His spirit lives on in the individuals he taught, inspired and influenced. BDIZ EDI was privileged to collaborate with him on numerous joint projects over the years. We will miss him.

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on behalf of the BDIZ EDI Board

