

A dentist for 50 years: BDIZ EDI board member Dr Renate Tischer

High power in Bad Salzungen

After the German reunification, Dr Renate Tischer was one of the first dentists in the east of Germany to not only set up her own practice in Bad Salzungen, but also to study oral implantology, a new and promising dental discipline, and integrate it into her practice.

In East Germany, in the former GDR, there were no dental practices as we know them today. Tischer worked at the university in traumatology, operating on facial injuries. As soon as the Iron Curtain fell, she set up her own dental practice and brought her knowledge of oral implantology, still in its infancy in the early 1990s, into her own practice. This is how she met the “founding father” of BDIZ EDI, Professor (h.c.) Egon Brinkmann (†), and she was not afraid to travel to Sweden to study with the “founding father” of implantology, Per-Ingmar Brånemark (†).

Tischer has been an active member of the BDIZ—now BDIZ EDI—board since 2001. At that time, BDIZ also addressed the formal Focus of Professional Activities: Oral Implantology (“Tätigkeitsschwerpunkt”), whose existence was successfully defended by BDIZ EDI before the Federal Constitutional Court in 2001 against fierce opposition from the dental associations at the time. In today’s dental disciplines, a Focus of Professional Activities is a certification that requires a high level of skill. It must be reapplied for every five years. At that time, the Dental Association attempted to revoke Tischer’s Focus certification. Together with the then chairperson of BDIZ, she fought a legal battle against the Dental Association and won.

In 2003, she successfully passed the EDA examination and became a European Specialist in Oral Implantology (EDA). She has been a member of the BDIZ EDI and



EDA examination committees for many years and is responsible for assessing the cases of candidates for the specialist title.

In the early days of BDIZ, she had set up and supervised the association’s study group in the German state of Thuringia. Today, she works with her daughter Kristin-Theres in their joint practice, continues to contribute her broad experience to BDIZ EDI—and proves that she is a power woman—now more than ever.

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