

Come celebrate!



Dear colleagues,

What has the European Association of Dental Implantologists (BDIZ EDI) been doing in 2024—and, more important, what is it going to do in 2025?

For more than a quarter of century, BDIZ EDI, in cooperation with the University of Cologne, has been teaching young and interested dentists the basics of oral implantology. In October, Prof. Zöller and Prof. Nickenig started the 26th course at the University of Cologne. Due to high demand, the BDIZ EDI has started a second Curriculum in the south of Germany in September, which is being supervised by Prof. Zöller and Dr Markus Tröltzsch. Whereas the Cologne Curriculum has a permanent location at the University, the southern counterpart takes place alternately in Munich and in Ansbach. Its modern concept consists of both face-to-face events and online courses that can be accessed on demand. High quality, small groups, affordable fees—that is still our motto. We are happy to share our expertise on the structure of our Curricula modules with our partner associations if they see a need for their own Curricula Implantology.

In 2024 we have celebrated the 35th anniversary of our association. I have been involved from the very beginning—and I was around when oral implantology was just gaining scientific recognition in 1988. Today, our Curricula enable every dentist to work independently in implantology in their own practice. What our members appreciate most is the broad range of activities that goes far beyond science, practice, accounting and law. The BDIZ EDI looks beyond German national laws and regulations. Many EU regulations now affect the European dental practices. Exchanging ideas with European colleagues is not only exciting in itself, it also produces results—as we can clearly see with the Curricula.

BDIZ EDI is one of the few associations to formulate scientific statements. Since 2006, the European Consensus Conference

(EuCC), under the auspices of the BDIZ EDI, has annually issued guidelines that have the status of a recommendation to provide practitioners with support on current issues relating to implant therapy. At times, these guidelines far transcend implant surgery and implant prosthodontics and cross the line into the legal realm.

Let's take a look at the coming year. It's my pleasure to invite you to the 20th Expert Symposium in Cologne. On 1 and 2 March 2025, we will be celebrating 20 years of the renowned symposium discussing the "hot" topics in implantology. 20 years of the symposium means 20 years of the European Consensus Conference (EuCC) and 20 guidelines the EuCC produced. All guidelines you'll find on our website in German and in English language. In 2025 we'll be focusing on complications in implantology—why did it happen? We have slightly modified the concept to interest the next generation of implantologists. Since 20 years the Expert Symposium is being held under the proven scientific direction of Prof. Zöller—my dear friend Joachim. For many years he was the Director of the Department of Cranio-maxillofacial and Plastic Surgery and Interdisciplinary Department for Oral Surgery and Implantology at the Centre for Dentistry and Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery of the University of Cologne, Germany. He still is the President of Colognes oldest carnival society.

Come celebrate with us in Cologne. Come visit us at the end of March at the International Dental Show IDS in Cologne. As you can see: Cologne is the place to be in the year 2025.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K. Berger". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Christian Berger
President BDIZ EDI