Annual Meeting confirms continuity and renewal on the board

Looking to the future with new faces

At its Annual Meeting in Augsburg, BDIZ EDI elected a refreshed board to serve a four-year term, combining continuity with a new generation of members. Prior to the vote, the outgoing board was commended for successfully guiding the association through recent years and positioning it well for the future.

The Annual Meeting once again placed its trust in the established leadership team: Christian Berger (Kempten) and Prof. Joachim E. Zöller (Cologne) were reelected as president and vice president, respectively. Prof. Jörg Neugebauer (Landsberg), who had served as secretary general, stepped down at his own request due to growing international commitments. He is succeeded by Dr Stefan Liepe (Hannover), formerly secretary. Dr Wolfgang Neumann (Philippsthal) will continue in his role as treasurer. Dr Markus Tröltzsch (Ansbach) joins the board's core team as the new secretary.

After 24 years of service, Dr Renate Tischer stepped down and was given a standing ovation. She is succeeded by her daughter, Kristin-Theres Tischer, a young practice owner from Bad Salzungen. The Annual Meeting also elected Dr Stefanie Tiede (Rostock), a prominent figure in professional policy. She is the current president of the State Dental Chamber of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania and represents the German Dental Association (Bundeszahnärztekammer, BZÄK) internationally. Prof. Johann Müller (Munich) will bring valuable experience to the board, having previously chaired the Kempten-based Working Group for Advanced Dental Education and served as president of the European Dental Association (EDA). Dr Freimut Vizethum, Dr Detlef Hildebrand and Dr Nathalie Khasin did not seek reelection. They received heartfelt thanks for their many years of commitment.

The Annual Meeting expressed its particular satisfaction with the association's continued support for dental practices in its core areas of billing and legal affairs, continuing education and professional advocacy. Throughout the pandemic, BDIZ EDI supported its members with online seminars on billing, clinical training and practice management. The association's newsletter continues to provide members with timely and straightforward updates.

More than 100 online seminars were delivered free of charge, reaching approximately 12,000 participants directly. BDIZ EDI has also expanded its Curricula, with two courses now held annually in cooperation with the University of Cologne. Since 2024, the established Curriculum Cologne has been complemented by the Curriculum South. The Cologne course will enter its 27th edition this autumn under the direction of Prof. Joachim Zöller, while Curriculum South, coordinated by Dr Markus Tröltzsch, will begin its second round in September.

Looking ahead, Christian Berger, who has served as president of BDIZ EDI since 2005, has announced a renewed focus on addressing the needs of younger dentists through targeted continuing-education programmes.

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The 2025–2029 BDIZ EDI Board (left to right): Prof. Johann Müller (Munich), Kristin-Theres Tischer (Bad Salzungen), Dr Wolfgang Neumann (Philippsthal), Christian Berger (Kempten), Dr Stefanie Tiede (Rostock), Dr Markus Tröltzsch (Ansbach), Dr Renate Tischer (Bad Salzungen), Dr Stefan Liepe (Hannover), Prof. Joachim Zöller (Cologne).

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