



BDIZ EDI success story

Half of 2025 is over and a lot has been achieved: the European Association of Dental Implantologists BDIZ EDI has published the new practice guide *Managing complication in implant treatment* and many contacts were made at the International Dental Show (IDS) in March and new collaborations are emerging. The first implantology curriculum in southern Germany came to a successful end and will start its second round in September 2025—while the curriculum in Cologne will start for the 27th time at the end of November. The 18th European Symposium of the BDIZ EDI took place in Stockholm in mid-June—with a high-calibre team of speakers from many parts of Europe and once again demonstrated the importance of professional exchange across borders.

At the end of June, the General Assembly in Augsburg elected the Board of Directors for the next four years. With the two presidents Christian Berger and Prof. Joachim Zöller, the association is relying on the continuity that has made the association so successful in recent years. Both were reelected as President and Vice President. I have been elected as the new Secretary General and Dr Dr Markus Tröltzsch, previously a member of the extended Executive Board, is now a member of the core Executive Board as Secretary. Dr Wolfgang Neumann also remains the constant in matters of finance.

There are new faces on the Advisory Board. After Dr Freimut Vizethum, Dr Renate Tischer, Dr Detlef Hildebrand and Dr Nathalie Khasin stepped down for personal reasons, the General Assembly elected an almost new team. Kristin Tischer, Stefanie Tiede and Prof. Dr Dr Johann Müller want to provide fresh impetus and take the association even further forward internationally. Prof. Dr Jörg Neugebauer did not stand for reelection as secretary general due to his increasing international lecturing activities.

The BDIZ EDI is therefore focusing on the tried-and-tested and the new and will continue to intensively pursue its core tasks with fresh forces: to offer high-calibre and advanced training in the implantological-surgical and -prosthetic field and to continue to scrutinise laws and regulations at European level.

The BDIZ EDI cooperates throughout Europe with partner associations that support its objectives. It intervenes in health policy discussions—whether in Berlin or Brussels and Strasbourg—insofar as they affect dental practice. The most recent example is the critical monitoring of the EU Medical Device Regulation (MDR).

Newcomers to the profession and those interested in oral implantology have the opportunity to learn the basics of working as a future implantologist with us. The BDIZ EDI has been offering the Cologne Implantology Curriculum since 2005—a recipe for success to this day—created by Prof. Dr Dr Joachim Zöller and Prof. H. J. Nickenig—with an overall concept that is suitable for every practice. The practical relevance is reinforced by the intensive workshops, and the training of all the procedures learnt takes place in human preparation courses. Due to high demand, two courses are now held at the University of Cologne each year. The associated partner organisations in Poland, Greece and Serbia are adopting the structure of the successful model. We now also offer a Curriculum South, which Dr Dr Markus Tröltzsch designed based on the Cologne model and implements with renowned module leaders in Munich and Ansbach. The curriculum will enter its second round in September and offers a modern mix of knowledge transfer—five face-to-face modules with practice-orientated hands-on courses. The theory takes place online.

We would like to invite you today to the 21st Expert Symposium in Cologne. In February, the topic will be “Printing, milling, melting: Quo vadis, implantology?”. We look forward to seeing you in Cologne for training and carnival. Join us and accompany the BDIZ EDI into the future!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stefan Liepe'.

Dr Stefan Liepe
Secretary General