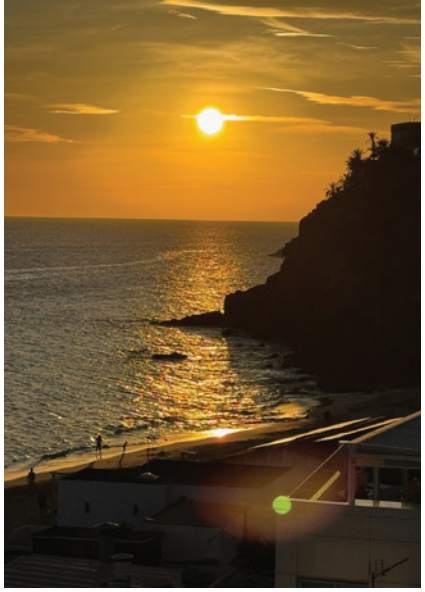






Expert Symposium 2025 on Fuerteventura

Implantology and periodontology in dialogue

Implant or tooth preservation? This question was the focus of the 34th International Expert Symposium in Fuerteventura. For a week, renowned speakers at the Robinson Club Esquinzo Playa discussed how implantology and periodontology complement each other in a meaningful way—evidence-based, practical and consistently patient-centred.

From 24 to 31 October 2025, the Robinson Club Esquinzo Playa on Fuerteventura once again became the meeting place for colleagues working in the field of implantology. The scientific director of the International Expert Symposium, Prof. Dr Joachim E. Zöller (Cologne), vice president of the BDIZ EDI, has been organising this event for over three decades. The expert symposium has been characterised for years by its unique combination of a demanding scientific programme, intensive workshops and personal exchanges in a relaxed atmosphere.

This year's main theme, "The tension between implantology and periodontology," addressed an issue that determines the daily practice of many practitioners: when is tooth preservation advisable, when is implantation advisable—and how can both therapeutic approaches be optimally combined in the best interest of the patient?

More than 30 national and international speakers examined the topic from surgical, periodontal, prosthetic and biological perspectives. It quickly became clear that the classic comparison between tooth preservation and implants falls short.

Presentations on the importance of peri-implant soft tissue, modern ceramic implants, digital workflows in implant prosthetics and long-term results of implant therapies demonstrated how much both disciplines influence each other. The need for differentiated, risk-adjusted therapy planning was emphasised, particularly in patients with pre-existing periodontal damage.

Contributions on regenerative procedures and biological approaches offered a glimpse into the future, which could open up new perspectives for implantology and tissue integration in the long term.

Practical application through workshops

A hallmark of the Expert Symposium is its high practical relevance. In addition to the lectures, participants were able to deepen their knowledge in numerous workshops. Topics included: front tooth implants step by step—with a special focus on ceramic implant systems; surgical and periodontal techniques for conditioning peri-implant soft tissue; digital and analogue planning strategies in implant prosthetics; ergonomics, magnifying glasses and efficient workflows in everyday practice, practice management, team leadership and organisational aspects of modern dental practices.

The close integration of theory and practical application was highlighted by many participants as a particular added value.

Exchange on equal terms

In addition to the technical programme, the symposium offered ample opportunity for collegial exchange. Whether during sporting activities, joint evening events or informal conversations, personal dialogue played a central role again this year.



Exciting topics, renowned speakers and subjects that focus on an interdisciplinary approach—these are the hallmarks of the Expert Symposium on Fuerteventura.



In interview mode: Dr Stefan Liepe (right) and Dr Wolfgang Neumann (BDIZ EDI Executive Board, left) asked the questions: pictured here with Dr Justus Hauschild.



The BDIZ EDI was also visually present.



News from stem cell research with speaker Prof. Dr Jürgen Hescheler (left), moderated by Prof. Dr Joachim Zöller.

It is precisely this open exchange, far away from traditional conference halls, that makes it possible to share experiences, critically question therapeutic approaches and take away new ideas for one's own daily practice.

Key message: Individualised therapy

A clear message emerged as the common denominator of many presentations: the decision between tooth preservation and implants must not be made schematically. Rather, an individual, patient-centred assessment is required that takes equal account of biological conditions, periodontal risk, functional aspects and the long-term prognosis. Implantology and periodontology were not seen as competing disciplines, but as complementary building blocks of modern, evidence-based dentistry.

Conclusion

The 34th International Expert Symposium in Fuerteventura once again confirmed its special status in the field of implantology training. The combination of a high-calibre scientific programme, practical workshops and intensive collegial exchange made the event more than just a classic congress. For participants, the week offered valuable guidance for treatment decisions in the area of conflict between tooth preservation and implantation—and numerous ideas for patient-oriented, sustainable practice.

Dr Stefan Liepe
Secretary General of the BDIZ EDI

Date 2026

The 35th Expert Symposium for academics and practitioners will take place from 23 to 30 October 2026 in Fuerteventura on the topic: "Augmentation or short implants—pros and cons".

Information and registration:
https://experten-symposium.de/