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Flora and fauna on Curaçao.

**Dental and Maxillofacial Excellence Academy (DMEA)**

# Oral implantology in Curaçao

**This year's Dental and Maxillofacial Excellence Academy (DMEA) meeting took place in Willemstad, Curaçao, from 21 to 23 October 2025. The masterclass event, organised by Quintessenz, was recognised as part of BDIZ EDI's continuing education programme and combined scientific excellence, intensive practical training and international exchange of experience in the unique atmosphere of the Caribbean.**

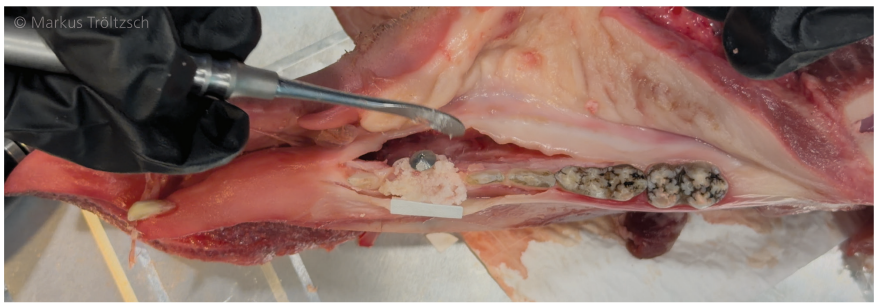
Under the motto "Elevate your skills with us in Curaçao", interested dentists from Germany, the USA, Italy, Serbia and Croatia met to further develop their clinical skills in a targeted manner and exchange ideas at a high professional level.


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Dr Markus Tröltzsch in the course.

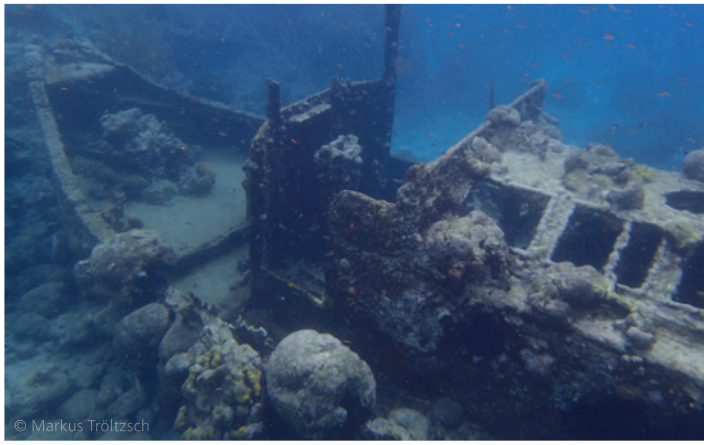
The unique concept of the Dental and Maxillofacial Excellence Academy deliberately focuses on small, exclusive groups, an upstream digital theory phase and a clear emphasis on hands-on training on site. Thanks to online preparation, the attendance days could be used almost entirely for practical training. This year's meeting centred on a masterclass on mandibular augmentation, one of the most challenging topics in modern implantology. Topics covered included current concepts in lateral and vertical augmentation, the structured use of modern bone replacement materials, the management of complex anatomical situations, and strategies for avoiding and controlling complications.

Most of the training consisted of intensive hands-on exercises on pig jaws, which were carried out under realistic conditions. Participants were able to independently implement and refine various augmentation techniques and critically reflect on them under the direct guidance of the instructors. The close personal exchange and the high practical relevance, which


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Pig jaw course.




allowed the content taught to be directly transferred to the participants' own everyday clinical practice, were particularly appreciated.

The scientific direction of the masterclass was provided by Dr Snježana Pohl, Dr Amelie Hartmann and Dr Markus Tröltzsch, supported by Dr Detlef Hildebrandt and Dr Matthias Tröltzsch. The team of speakers not only conveyed the latest scientific findings, but above all practical surgical strategies, supplemented by case discussions, open discussions and individual questions from the participants. The cooperative learning atmosphere on an equal footing contributed significantly to the special quality of the event. Dr Christoph Bremmer was responsible for the organisation and coordination of the event.




Dr Amely Hartmann with Dr Helmut Hildebrandt.

Support from industry partners was a key prerequisite for high-quality practical work. Devemed provided all the surgical instruments for the hands-on exercises. MegaGen and Purgo supported the masterclass with biomaterials and implantology products as well as the associated instruments. Other partners of the event were BFS health finance and Quintessenz. The collaboration was characterised by a practical but restrained integration of industry, with the focus always on the professional added value for the participants.

The DMEA meeting made a special mark with a charity treatment on Wednesday, during which patients who do not have access to regular dental care due to social and economic conditions were treated at two local partner practices in Curaçao. For many participants, this day was an emotional highlight and impressively demonstrated the humanitarian aspirations of the event and the global responsibility of dental practice.

In addition to intensive technical work, the meeting also provided opportunities for personal exchange and international networking. A joint congress excursion to the "Hofi Mango", organised by Ute Schlieker, with a guided tour of the unique mango forest and a Caribbean dinner, provided an opportunity for discussions in a relaxed atmosphere. The event concluded with a joint Caribbean evening event in Nieuwestraat, a street with many bars in the city centre of Willemstad.

The DMEA meeting in Curaçao 2025 impressively demonstrated how high-quality continuing education, intensive practical training, international exchange, social engagement and extraordinary learning locations can be combined. The next event is already planned and will take place from 2 to 6 November 2026. The proportion of real patient treatment will be significantly expanded once again—in line with the DMEA concept of making training sustainable, practical and internationally accessible.




Dinner at Hofi Mango.