

The 19th BDIZ EDI Europe Symposium

Impressions from Athens

On 18 April 2026, Athens showed itself from its most impressive side: a clear view of the city, a sweeping vista of the Acropolis—and right in the middle of it all, an international audience of experts gathered for the 19th BDIZ EDI Europe Symposium.



Even upon arrival at the conference center of the Golden Age of Athens Hotel, there was a special energy in the air. A babble of voices in various languages, reunions with former classmates, initial discussions about new developments—the atmosphere was promising. A programme awaited the participants that shed light on the current challenges in implantology as well as the opportunities presented by digital and biologically oriented concepts.

Diversity of perspectives

The diversity of perspectives was particularly impressive: renowned speakers presented new findings on digital workflows, hard- and soft-tissue management, long-term stability, and clinical decision-making processes. The presentations combined scientific evidence with practical relevance—a hallmark of the BDIZ EDI that was repeatedly highlighted by the participants.





Between presentations, the breaks provided opportunities for in-depth discussion: colleagues discussed case studies, compared treatment approaches, and made new connections. The international composition gave the symposium a special breadth—one could sense just how much implantology thrives on global knowledge transfer.

European partner in scientific dialogue

A highlight of the event was the presentation by Prof. Phoebus Madianos, Chair of the EFP Congress Committee. He presented minimally invasive reconstructive strategies in aesthetic implant treatment. His presence underscored the close connection between periodontology and implantology while also recognising the role of the BDIZ EDI as a European partner in scientific dialogue. Many participants saw his words as a bridge between disciplines that are jointly shaping the future of oral medicine.

Impressive and captivating

No less impressive was the lecture by Prof. Stratis Papazoglou. He presented the surgical-prosthetic procedure for treatment with a single implant in the anterior region and demonstrated once again why the BDIZ EDI has been collaborating with this scientist for years. Dr Alexandros Manolakis is also part of the BDIZ EDI "team," as he regularly speaks at its symposia. In his captivating presentation, he highlighted just how precise modern digital workflows in implantology are.

Dr Erion Cerekja from Tirana is also a regular guest speaker at the BDIZ EDI European symposia. This year, he presented on predictability in implant surgery, outlining its fundamental principles and clinical strategies. Unfortunately, Prof. Robert Celic from Croatia was unable to attend due to illness. BDIZ EDI President Christian Berger stepped in for him, presenting on both the current practice guidelines from the European Consensus Conference on Implantology regarding digital workflows and complications in implant treatment. The latter was based on last year's consensus paper. We will be hearing more about Dr Dimitris Xygkas across Europe in the future. His excellent presentation on alveolar ridge augmentation using collagen-containing biomaterials is among the key topics shaping the future of oral implantology.

Conclusion

The symposium was not merely an academic event, but a source of inspiration. The participants took home new ideas—and a sense of belonging to a European community that is advancing the field of implantology with passion and a sense of responsibility.

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