

Change at the head of the scientific advisory board

Staff matters

Prof. Dr Dr Joachim Zöller, Cologne, will take over as chair of the scientific advisory board of the two implantology journals, *BDIZ EDI konkret* and *EDI Journal*, with effect from 1 May 2026. He succeeds Prof. Dr Jörg Neugebauer, who has shaped the scientific advisory board for more than 20 years and supported it with great personal dedication.

With this change, the BDIZ EDI is recognising both Prof. Neugebauer's long-standing and distinguished service and the future scientific direction under the leadership of Prof. Zöller, who has had close ties with the BDIZ EDI for many years and has shaped its implantology training programme since 2005. Prof. Zöller is a professor emeritus and, until 2022, was Director of the Clinic and Outpatient Department for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and Plastic Facial Surgery and the Outpatient Department for Oral Surgery and Implantology at Cologne University Hospital. He was also managing director of the Centre for Dental, Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine. For the BDIZ EDI, he serves as scientific director of the Expert Symposium, which he founded, and as head of the Implantology Curriculum, which has been successfully organised at the University of Cologne for over 27 years.

"With Prof. Zöller, the scientific advisory board is gaining a figure who has played a key role in shaping the field of implantology for decades," emphasises BDIZ EDI President Christian Berger. "At the same time, we would like to thank Prof. Neugebauer for his outstanding work over more than 20 years, which has helped to shape the quality and reputation of our publications in the field of continuing professional development."

Both magazines are published by OEMUS MEDIA AG. The English-language *EDI Journal* is distributed across much of Europe; in particular, large quantities are sent to the BDIZ EDI's associated partner associations. The German-language *BDIZ*

EDI konkret is a specialist magazine for members and subscribers and is sent to medical and dental institutions as well as to health policy decision-making bodies in Germany.



Short CV of Prof. Dr Dr Joachim E. Zöller

- **Born:** 6 September 1953 in Karlsruhe
- **Education:** Studied medicine and dentistry at the Universities of Heidelberg and Mainz (1974–1983)
- **Doctorates:** Dr med. (1980), Dr med. dent. (1984)
- **Habilitation:** 1992 in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at the University of Heidelberg

• Carrier milestones:

- Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, University of Heidelberg (1983–1997), most recently Senior Consultant and Deputy Head of Department
- Since 1997: Director of the Department and Outpatient Clinic for Oral and Maxillofacial and Plastic Facial Surgery as well as the Outpatient Clinic for Oral Surgery and Implantology at Cologne University Hospital
- 2012–2022: Managing Director of the Centre for Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine, Cologne

- **Research interests:** Implantology, augmentation procedures, CBCT diagnostics, pharmacological prevention of malignant head and neck tumours, plastic, aesthetic and functional surgical reconstruction procedures using microsurgical tissue transfers and, in particular, craniofacial surgical techniques for facial and craniofacial malformations.

- **Professional involvement:** Leading roles in implantology specialist societies; long-standing collaboration with the BDIZ EDI as vice-president and lecturer for continuing professional development in oral implantology

- **Humanitarian projects:** International surgical missions, including for Chernobyl victims and patients with cleft lip and palate

- **Publications:** Numerous specialist articles, monographs and standard works, including on cone beam computed tomography



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