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INTERVIEW with Juliane Gnath,
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Juliane Gnoth is the Communication Officer of YDW and the Editor-in-Chief of the ALUMNI International Magazine. She lives and works in Berlin, Germany.

AIM: Juliane, tell us a bit more about you.

I was born in a country that does not exist anymore—the German Democratic Republic. That was in 1981. I spent half of my childhood in a dental laboratory, which is why I did not study German literature as I was thinking about; I first became a dental technician. But the wish to be with patients and the will to communicate were always big, so I went to dental school in Leipzig, Germany, until 2007. Now I live and work in Berlin, either in a dental office or in the dental chamber. There, I am responsible for postgraduate education and specialization. I like to do different things, to work with my head and with my hands. My international friends call me Julka.

AIM: How did you get in contact with YDW?

I had the luck to help at a congress of IADS in 2004 in Berlin. That was a time where Young Dentists Worldwide was very active also and I got in touch with many new friends from IADS and YDW. All of the people who are working with me for YDW were at that congress and I think my life would have turned out very differently if I had not been there in 2004. I met some of my very best friends through that. I know that I will always know those people and I love to spend time with them somewhere in the world.

AIM: What is your job in YDW and what are you mainly doing?

My job is Communication Officer, and for some time now also the editor of this magazine. I mainly do what I do as a private person—talking to people, writing, organizing and talking again. I have started the fan page on Facebook and I am still surprised that we are one of the biggest dental communities there. For sure, we are the biggest for young dentists. I have worked for magazines for years already, but being an editor-in-chief is another great chance and challenge, too. I hope that many people will read the magazine and would like to write for it too, in the future. As the biggest community for young dental professionals worldwide, we have a great potential that should be used.

AIM: What is your wish for YDW in the future?

It would be my wish that we develop more concrete projects. In the last two years, since we took over the job, we did basic work for the association and let people know more about us. Now, it is time to make concrete plans for projects. The magazine is just one step. People already communicate much with us in the internet; I hope more get the inspiration and will join our annual congress in India or the forum in Mexico during the FDI Congress.