

Dear Colleagues,



Dr Rainer Valentin

With the successful 42nd DGZI annual congress already lying in the past, we can surely say that we were offered an ambitious programme and renowned national and international speakers, as well as a nearly perfect organisation by Oemus Media AG. Titled "Quality-oriented implantation—ways to long-term success", the congress impressively demonstrated the scope of modern dentistry in general and implantology in particular, but it also and more importantly showed their limits.

Resulting from the constant increase in implants placed, implantology has grown from a budding specialty to the driving force of dentistry. Of course, the number of complications and failures was bound to increase along with the growing practical relevance of implantology. Avoiding biological, technical and aesthetic complications while ensuring long-term success have become the primary aim in implantology. Therefore, self-reflection and the reflection of individual therapy approaches have become more important.

Whether you do this by visiting congresses, in discussions with colleagues, by participating in study groups or via education and special training in curricula is entirely your choice. Since, however, more and more beginners have decided for our curricula in the past, we decided to re-design them. Because of the variations with regard to their personal experience in oral implantology, participants can now place their educational focus individually by combining five compulsory and three freely selectable modules.

With this in mind, I wish you the best of luck and pleasant work. Enjoy reading this year's final issue of implants!

Yours,



Dr Rainer Valentin