

Implantology faces new challenges



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Dear colleagues,

in recent years, implantology has been considered to be THE driving force for innovations within dentistry. Companies and investors all over the world were impelled by the apparently infinite growth potential of this market. In the meantime, however, or so it seems, the mood has become much more reserved. Some implant systems have already been withdrawn from the market, and many companies do not act as aggressively as they used to. We have to find the answers to the following basic questions. Which are the real growth potentials of implantology, and how can implantology be placed on a changed market in the future? Contrary to the trend of the increase in gaining independence within our expert field, observable in the past, I believe that it will become more important to go back to the roots of implantology and consider it to be the real interface between parodontology, surgery and prosthetics. The broad digitalization within dentistry by means of 3-D diagnosis combined with modern planning and navigation software, including CAD/CAM manufactured dentures, implies this interface function, also from the technological point of view. Due to the digitalization of dental practices, team spirit is fostered, the flow of information is improved, and cooperation between the partners is facilitated. Prosthetic dental planning and the prosthetic guidelines for surgery will be easier to communicate, ultimately contributing to the achievement an optimal result, and thus efficiently meeting the desire of the patient. In this way, the old requirements and ideas for interdisciplinary cooperation can be realized in a much better manner. With this in mind, I would like to draw your attention to our 39th International Annual Congress which will take place from October 9th to 10th in Munich this year.

Thanks to the high class speakers from Germany and abroad, our Annual Congress will again become a special highlight in advanced professional training. I look forward to welcoming you in Munich.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. F. Heinemann', with a long, sweeping underline.

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