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Dear colleagues,

As recently selected President of the DGZI, it is important to me to welcome you all and to gain your trust and assistance in this journey ahead of us. From my previous honorary executive positions, I am convinced that the executive board of a society has to establish a close contact with its members and, moreover, that this contact has to be re-established continuously.

While some dental societies do not admit non-academic members but nevertheless representing major important professions contributing essentially to our common goal of optimal patient care, I will definitely and consequently continue and enhance the idea of DGZI (German Association of Dental Implantology) of implantology as a team approach including dental technicians and dental hygienists.

Our new era of knowledge transfer which has been introduced recently by the DGZI via e-learning is an advancement from which both international and local residents can benefit. Likewise, the establishment of forums and podiums for scientific discussions by gathering speakers and participants from all over the world must be further promoted by the DGZI.

In addition, I would like to contribute my personal scientific and practical experience in this special disciplines as well as my international contacts to ensure the DGZI's future success. This encompasses possible congress topics, potential speakers as well as the expansion of international network, building especially on my close contacts to China and the Russian speaking countries. Based on the fact that a prosperous, successful future of any kind of human society is founded on well educated, trained young generations, the DGZI must invest in dental students and other related professional apprentices.

Not only in our clinical professional science, but also in industry, sports etc. it is a well-known fact that only a team can achieve highest levels of success and recognition. Team leaders do need team players, thus, I am happy to be in the "orchestra" of DGZI. The board as well as its members provide all the support being needed and possible for promoting our special discipline of implantology—and, thus, continuously strive for our patient's sake.

With this in mind, I would like to ask all of you to contribute to our aims and endeavours. Thanking you in advance for your support, I remain with best regards,

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