

# Practice-oriented implantology at the DGZI Annual Congress

„From practice—for the practice“ is the DGZI's main topic leading the way for the 43<sup>rd</sup> International Annual Congress, which took place from 4 to 5 October at the Berlin Hotel Palace. Dr Roland Hille, Vice President of the DGZI and scientific director of the congress stated that “Compiling practicable and proved concepts ‘from practice—for the practice’ has always been one of the DGZI's main topics”. “Each year, we invite speakers from around the world—this is a DGZI trademark. These speakers present the participants with practicable and sustainable treatment concepts which can be decisive for the participants' implantological success.” International speakers impressed the audience with their scientific knowledge on the international podium with simultaneous interpretation on the first day of the congress, among them Prof. Dr Monish Bhola and Dr James R. Winkler/ University of Detroit Mercy, US, Dr Keiichi Naruse, Yamagata, Japan, Dr Khaled A. Abdel-Ghaffar, Kairo, Egypt. At the same time, speakers from the fields of dentistry and dental technology discussed prosthetically-oriented points of view. However, the congress also addressed the implantological assistants and qualified dental assistants.

One of the press conference's most important aspects was the new education concept introduced by Dr Roland Hille. This concept is based on the latest e-learning modules and a complex international network. In this regard, DGZI member of the board and dental technician Christian Müller pointed out the specialist exams for dental technologists which specifically address dental technicians with implantological ambitions.

Dr Rolf Vollmer, DGZI Vice President and treasurer, informed about the works of the numerous DGZI study groups, which meet regularly all over Germany. In addition, he presented the extensive specialist literature which has been distributed successfully by the DGZI for years. Among them are the “Glossary of Oral Implantology English/German” and the compendium “Topographical and Clinical Anatomy of Maxillofacial Surgery”. Finally, Dr Vollmer pointed out



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the DGZI “Practical Guide”, which gives advice for the daily routine in an implantological practice. In the end, the newly elected DGZI President Prof. Dr Heiner Weber introduced himself at the “President's Minute” and formulated his ideas on his new tasks in the DGZI. He confirmed his wish to promote innovation and thanked the DGZI members of the board for the trust they have invested in. Prof. Dr Weber hopes that he can make “a humble contribution” to the DGZI's internationalization. He stated that especially China and Russia will become more central to the DGZI's efforts. In addition, Prof. Dr Weber wants to include students and dental assistants more strongly in education programmes offered by the DGZI. Concluding, he expressed his wish for good cooperation and success.

**Fig. 1** \_Past President of the DGZI Prof. Dr Frank Palm.

**Fig. 2** \_Prof. Dr Heiner Weber, President of the DGZI.

**Fig. 3** \_Dr Roland Hille, scientific director of the congress.

**Fig. 4** \_Dr Georg Bach.

**Fig. 5** \_Dr Rolf Vollmer, Dr Georg Bach, Prof. Dr Herbert Deppe and dental technician Christian Müller.

**Fig. 6** \_Prof. Dr Mazen Tamimi, Dr Rolf Vollmer and Dr Rainer Valentin.