

# 5<sup>th</sup> Arab-German Implantology Meeting of DGZI and 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Syrian-German Implantology Meeting



## The Syrian Dental Association (established in 1975)

- \_ Dr Safoh Al Buni is the president of the Syrian Dental Association.
- \_ 16,000 dentists are the members of the Syrian Dental Association.
- \_ 14,000 dentists are practicing dentistry in Syria in their own private clinics.
- \_ 2,200 dentists are the specialists of all of dentistry fields in Syria.
- \_ 9 scientific societies established for all the dentistry specialties.
- \_ 4 governmental Dental colleges for dentistry in Syria and 4 Private Dental colleges for dentistry in Syria.

Implantology is growing up in Syria; as many of the Syrian dentists are joining the Implantology courses and educational programs particularly the German Board of Oral Implantology 'GBOI' in all over the world; that's why we are expecting a big number of attendance for our congress.

## Languages

Arabic is the official and most widely spoken language. Kurdish is widely spoken in the Kurdish regions of Syria. Many educated Syrians also speak English and French. Armenian and Turkmen are spoken among the Armenian and Turkmen minorities. Aramaic, the lingua franca of the region before the advent of Islam and Arabic, is spoken among certain ethnic groups.

The unique location between, Asia, Africa and Europe gave the Syrian lands a strategic importance, where as being in at the crossroads between the Caspian Sea, the Black Sea, the Indian Ocean, and the Nile made it one of the most important trade and caravan routs and it became a melting-pot of ideas, beliefs and talents.

Syria is often described as the largest small country in the world because of its wealth of ancient civilizations. Modern man is indebted to this land for much of his thought and learning. Therefore it is properly said that every cultured man belongs to two nations—his own and Syria.

Come and join our conference with an outstanding program of speakers.

Dr Mazen Tamimi  
President of DGZI—International Section

## Dear colleagues,

after the success of the 4<sup>th</sup> Arab-German Implantology Meeting during the last 4 years in Dubai, I would like to invite you to come to Damascus, Syria, from 8–10 April 2009. The meeting will take place in the Ebla Cham Palace Hotel and it will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Joint Syrian-German Implantology Meeting and the 5<sup>th</sup> Arab-German Implantology Meeting of DGZI.

## Syria

Syria officially the Syrian Arab Republic, is an Arab country in Southwest Asia, bordering Lebanon and the Mediterranean Sea to the west, Jordan to the south, Iraq to the east, and Turkey to the north. The modern state of Syria was formerly a French mandate and attained independence in 1946, but can trace its roots to the Eblan civilization in the third millennium BC. Its capital city, Damascus, was the seat of the Umayyad Empire and a provincial capital of the Mamluk Empire. Syria gained independence in April 1946 officially a Republic.

## Etymology

The name Syria derives from the ancient Greek name for Syrians, *Syrioi*, which the Greeks applied without distinction to various Assyrian people. Modern scholarship confirms the Greek word traces back to the cognate, *Assyria*, ultimately derived from the Akkadian *Aššur*. You will be here history's voice can be heard, where the soil holds the imprints of the world's oldest civilizations, some dating back the fourth millennium BC. The names of sites evoke the story of mankind at its beginnings: Mari, Ebla, Ugarit, Amrit, Apamea, Doura-Europos, Palmyra, Bosra, Damascus, Aleppo, Hama, Latakia.

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