

DGZI Vice President Dr Hille newly elected speaker of the Consensus Conference

DGZI Vice President Dr Roland Hille, was elected as the new speaker at the Consensus Conference Implantology, during the December 3, 2008 meeting. For this reason, for the first time, DGZI took over the leadership of a board, which is supported by most of the professional and specialist associations in implantology. He takes over the office from Dr Dr Wolfgang Jakobs, Speicher, Germany, who distinguishedly lead the Consensus Conference Implantology during his in-

cumbency. The members of the Consensus Conference, in existence for approximately 20 years, are: DGZI, DGI, BDO, DGMKG and BDZI/EDI. The Consensus Conference is a meeting place for opinion-forming and quality management in implantology. In the past, German implantology standards were sustainably influenced thanks to consistent certification guidelines that mainly focus on implantology, the determination of the types of indication, and consistent referee guidelines.

Unanimous approval of the Managing Board and the future DGZI strategy at DGZI General Meeting!



On the occasion of the annual DGZI General Meeting on November 15, 2008, at the Radisson Hotel in Cologne, the confidence in the Managing Board was reconfirmed unanimously. The members present showed great interest in each board member's report on work concerning the association. The main emphasis of our last year's work was placed especially on the success of the complex education and training programs in dental implantology, the active cooperation within the Implantology Consensus Conference, information for patients and corresponding public information campaigns. In his report, DGZI's President Dr Friedhelm Heinemann pointed out the extraordinary successes of DGZI during the reference period and the excellent cooperation among the members of the board. The division of work and collective action were and still are at the fore of DGZI management work. According to Dr Heinemann this is the reason why one should vote again for a continuous cooperation of all Managing Board members. This would guarantee continuity and quality in the management of the oldest scientific association for dental implantology in Europe. Special attention is directed to the strategy for the education and training of colleagues working in the field of dental implantology. DGZI is the first association that presents the newly configured "DGZI Curriculum for Implantology" featuring numerous innovations. For the first time dentists have the chance to complete single specialized modules in addition to the already estab-

lished topics in order to achieve an even more profound specialization in dental implantology. Full consent was also given to last year's budgeting and the future budget planning. DGZI treasurer Dr Rolf Vollmer reported on the excellent financial situation. Thus, DGZI is in the position to meet its statutory purposes fully. The second Vice President Dr Roland Hille gave an account about the work within the Consensus Conference and public relations. DGZI still plays an important role within the renowned associations that take an active part in the Consensus Conference. Especially in politically uncertain times, members expect an active exertion of influence by the major implantology associations, and information about the future orientation for dental offices. Extensive public relations with reports and interviews in the media, and a successful radio campaign were the cornerstones for last year's information for patients. According to Dr Hille this way should be continued consistently, since public relations belong to the main DGZI tasks. On time for the turn of the year, DGZI will provide, amongst other things, an "Patients Implantology Guidebook" for all members. This guideline, which will be available for patients at the dentist's waiting room, will inform thoroughly about dental implantology. The DGZI General Assembly unanimously approved the Managing Board members Dr Rolf Vollmer/Wissen as 1st Vice President and Treasurer, Dr Roland Hille/Viersen as 2nd Vice President, and as the Head of the Division for Organization Dr Rainer Valentin/Cologne.

Dr Georg Bach/Freiburg i. Breisgau, Dr Dr Wolfgang Hörster/Cologne and Dr Detlef Bruhn/Berlin were voted assessors. In his first statement DGZI President Dr Heinemann appreciated this clear vote and is looking forward to continuing this successful cooperation with his re-elected Managing Board colleagues and all members taking an active part in DGZI.