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“Dental technology and implantology—Interface to success”



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Never before has a society placed the focus on the—not always stress-free—collaboration between dentists and dental technicians as the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI) has in its theme for the 45th annual congress, which is to be held on 2 and 3 October 2015 in Wiesbaden, Germany. The conference theme is “Dental technology and implantology—Interface to success” and this forward-looking claim is reflected in the programme content. At the Dorint Pallas Wiesbaden hotel, prominent German and international speakers will present an ambitious programme, featuring joint papers by implantologists and dental technicians. “This is going to be one of the congress highlights and will take place at the main podium on Saturday morning,” according the chairperson of the programme committee and Second Vice President of the DGZI, Prof. Roland Hille, who emphasised that the participation of dental technicians brings a refreshing element to the DGZI and the composition of its membership. In the near future, more DGZI projects with dental technicians are planned. DGZI president Prof. Herbert Deppe also pointed out the particular value of collaboration be-

tween dentists and dental technicians, which is expressed in the congress programme. “Different points of view about implant positioning and prosthetic fabrication from multiple angles are conveyed in the programme. Sometimes, it is only possible to make a realistic assessment of the patient as a team.” For him, such cooperation is essential for successful treatment. For conference chairman Prof. Hille, it is clear that the DGZI is entering completely new territory. The highlight of this year’s event: for the first time in its 45-year history, the DGZI is hosting a congress that places not only implantologists but also dental technicians at the centre of the programme. Implantologists and dental technicians will come together in the specialist debate, CONTROVERSIAL DGZI, too. This year’s theme is “The edentulous upper jaw—How can the best possible solution be achieved? A challenge to dentists and dental technicians”. Together with DGZI First Vice President and Treasurer Prof. Rolf Vollmer, Prof. Hille has again secured the participation of well-known Japanese speakers. They will be presenting on Friday afternoon as part of the international podium. Prof. Deppe has given particular acknowledgement to this: “We should be aware that our colleagues from the Far East have to travel half-way around the globe to be present at the DGZI annual congress. Anyone familiar with the Japanese mentality will understand the extent of regard that this expresses towards the DGZI.” Furthermore, the names of the speakers from Germany, such as Prof. Hendrik Terheyden and Prof. Gerhard Wahl, are indicative of the high esteem the DGZI annual congress holds in scientific circles. More information about the 45th international annual meeting of the DGZI with the complete conference programme and list of workshops can be obtained from the DGZI website (www.dgzi.de).

