



# “Our members profit from a wealth of international experience”

## 45<sup>th</sup> Annual International Congress of the DGZI

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**Not a round anniversary and yet a significant milestone:** The 45<sup>th</sup> Annual International Congress organised at the beginning of October by the DGZI in Wiesbaden, Germany, marked the 45<sup>th</sup> year of Europe's oldest implantological expert association. With 4,000 members in Germany and 12,000 members worldwide, the DGZI can boast success at home as well as abroad.

The comprehensive review highlighted in particular the association's close cooperation with the dental technology sector, a fact the DGZI is particularly proud of. Those special ties were also reflected in this year's congress theme entitled "Dental Technology and Implantology—Interface to Success" and culminated in the first-time awarding of the newly

established qualification "Dental Technology and Implantology". This year's award went to Mr Oliver Beckmann, a dental technician from Freudenberg, Germany.

At the press conference in Wiesbaden, Prof. Dr Herbert Deppe (TU München), DGZI President and head of board, recounted the society's many and varied activities of the last decades. A key point of the presentation was the association's constant focus on practical applications. "As a society strongly focusing on the profession's practical aspects, the DGZI considers itself to be a representative of practicing implantologists and dentists working in the field of implantology and as such it offers customised, practice-orientated concepts". The DGZI's





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various training programmes have always reflected the newest scientific findings and these have been provided for the benefits of its members who include dental technicians as well as highly engaged dentists. Against this backdrop, Prof. Deppe is convinced: "Our members profit from the wealth of scientific experience our association is keen and able to provide as Europe's oldest association of dental implantology".

However, having reached the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary does not mean the DGZI will stand still: it has completely revised its curriculum and has included since 2014 E-learning modules as well as theoretical and practical training programs. Due to those improvements the membership has doubled. The successfully completed curriculum can also serve as a foundation for a subsequent master study programme (MSc). The DGZI's education programme offers information about all the activities available regarding dental and, in particular, implantological training opportunities. The programme is yearly updated in print and online and also available in the English language. Recognised by the consensus conference, the qualification "Implantology" is awarded by the DGZI after certain requirements have been fulfilled and the curriculum completed. Additionally, as Prof. Deppe pointed out, the DGZI also pays great attention to the importance of individual support and advice and offers special rates for students, young professionals and assistants.

Furthermore, the society's strengths include the publication of its specialised journals. Since its complete relaunch earlier in 2015, "Implantology Journal" is the most circulated specialist implantology

journal in the German-speaking market. With ten editions a year and a circulation of 15,000 copies, it also includes CME articles and webinars. In addition, the international magazine "implants" is published four times a year and presents practice-related articles in the English language.

As scientific head and Vice President of the DGZI, Prof. (CAI) Dr Roland Hille introduced the particularities of this year's congress. Dentists from more than ten different nations and three continents visited the Wiesbaden venue, most of them from partner societies in Japan, Georgia and Egypt. More than 30 speeches, 40 speakers and seven workshops comprised the programme of the two congress days. Forty companies presented their products at the dental exhibition. The focal point of this year's event, the close cooperation between implantologists and dental technicians, was illustrated by

**Fig. 1** Jens Dexheimer (2<sup>nd</sup> from left), CEO of Silver Sponsor Straumann.

**Fig. 2** Gold Sponsor OT Medical: Sales manager Claudia Lindemann (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) with Speaker Dr Daniel Ferrari, MSc (right).

**Fig. 3** Participants enjoyed scientific discussions on recent developments in implantology.

**Fig. 4** International participants of the congress, among them Dr Mazen Tamimi (DGZI representative Jordan and Middle East), Prof. Nabil Barakat and Prof. Dr Amr Abdel Azim.



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**Fig. 5** DGZI executive board: Rabi Omari, Dr Marcus Quitzke, Dr Umut Baysal, Prof. (CAI) Dr Roland Hille, Dr Arzu Tuna, Prof. Dr Herbert Deppe, Dr Navid Salehi, Dr Rolf Vollmer, Dr Rainer Valentin, Dr Georg Bach (from left to right).

**Fig. 6** Interpreters ensured communication between all attendees and speakers.

**Fig. 7** Check-in of the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual International Congress.

many joint interdisciplinary speeches. "The symbiosis between dental diagnostics and therapy on the one hand and the creativity of dental technicians on the other, combined with enhanced techniques, creates success stories with regard to dental prostheses", states Prof. Hille, "In a nutshell, science fiction meets reality, and both of them have already entered the realm of our dental practices. Virtual digital technologies had only been an option in the past but have now become a fixed aspect of dental treatments in the present." Accordingly, the traditional discussion panel CONTROVERSIAL DGZI invited dentists and dental technicians to present

their respective rehabilitation approaches and problem-solving techniques under the headline "The edentulous upper jaw—How can the best possible solution be achieved".

As the new DGZI qualification "Dental Technology and Implantology" was awarded for the first time this year, Prof. Hille emphasised that dental technicians have played "a major role in the success story of implantology in Germany" while, more than ever before, they have to demonstrate and highlight their skills, qualifications and areas of expertise as competition grows. In cooperation with the training centre FUNDAMENTAL, DGZI fulfils this demand with its new quality label. Prof. Hille is convinced that graduates will excel at work due in their new, future-oriented qualifications. In order to achieve this qualification, graduates have to have gained a minimum of three years of experience in the field of implant prosthetics, including at least 150 prosthetic restorations of implants or 70 implant cases. Furthermore, an additional twelve cases differing in their respective indication must be accounted for. Curricula in implant prosthetics of all German dental societies are acknowledged. Moreover, Prof. Hille announced the new DGZI "Implant Dentistry Award" 2016, which carries a 10,000 Euro endowment.

As if taking the audience on a short road trip around the world, DGZI Vice President Prof. (CAI) Dr Rolf Vollmer expounded upon the society's various international relations and activities. In his position as visiting professor of the Cairo University (2008), he has built many international ties and relationships over the years and has also formed a concise European network with countries such as Croatia, Ireland or Georgia. Among the DGZI's most renowned partners are the US-based Academy of Osseointegration and the American Academy of Implant Dentistry. Moreover, DGZI has held speeches, congresses and workshops in Mexico and Japan, as well as the Middle East with countries such as Jordan, Syria, Egypt, Lebanon, Saudi-Arabia, Kuwait, Pakistan and Australia.



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# Membership Application Form

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I hereby to apply for membership of the DGZI – German Association of Dental Implantology (Deutschen Gesellschaft für Zahnärztliche Implantologie e.V.).  
*Please send this form via FAX to +49 211 16970-66.*

Do you have experience in implantology? (mandatory)

☐ Yes

☐ No

I hereby agree to have my personal data processed for all purposes of the DGZI.

☐ **Full membership** (outside Germany) ☐ **Assistant doctors** (outside Germany) ☐ **Students/auxiliaries** (outside Germany)  
⇒ 125 Euro p.a. ⇒ 60 Euro p.a. ⇒ 60 Euro p.a.

☐ I have transferred the annual fee to the DGZI bank account c/o Dr Rolf Vollmer:  
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