

# What a year! DGZI—throughout successful



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Dear readers,

once again, the final edition of Implants lies before you, a year characterized by its many successful implantological DGZI curricula. Almost 1,000 interested dentists, dental technicians, and staff teams attended this year's DGZI events, for example, DGZI's 10<sup>th</sup> Expert Symposium/Spring-Meeting and the 39<sup>th</sup> DGZI Annual Congress. Additionally, the international examination of the German Board of Oral Implantology (GBOI) took place prior to the International Annual Congress. Altogether, more than twenty dentists took this difficult exam this year. All participants succeeded in correctly answering the theoretical questions as well as questions belonging to the specialist part of this wide-ranging performance review. Following the examination, examinees received GBOI certificates from the DGZI board and the highly qualified board of examiners. One of this year's highlights was the 33<sup>rd</sup> International Dental Show (IDS) in Cologne. DGZI once again had its own stand, which served as a perfect meeting point for DGZI members and national and international partners. Because of these results, the DGZI board comes to this positive conclusion: "This year's IDS performance exceeded all expectations, for we had more than 650 contacts with colleagues from all over the world." Next year, DGZI will look back on 40 years of existence, constant growth, and acknowledgement as the oldest European association in the field of dental implantology. Especially the coming year will prove that it will be worth to look back at the successful work of an association of dentists practicing implantology.

It is even more important to have a look ahead, and face a successful 2010. DGZI's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated in Berlin (October 1–2, 2010). We would like to invite you to this congress and look forward to your participation.

Please enjoy this year's final issue of IMPLANTS.

In the name of the editorial board and the entire editorial staff, I would like to wish you a wonderful remaining 2009, and a successful start to 2010!

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. F. Heinemann", with a long, sweeping underline.

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