

# Full speed ahead— Implantology in 2017



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Dear colleagues,

2017 seems to have plenty to offer with regard to implantology: The DGZI has already started invitations for its scientific awards presented at the 47<sup>th</sup> International Annual DGZI Congress on 29 and 30 September in Berlin, Germany. This includes the DGZI Implant Dentistry Award 2017 (5,000 EUR) as well as the DGZI Thesis Award 2017 (2,000 EUR). The final deadline for both of the two awards is 31 May 2017.

And of course, the 37<sup>th</sup> International Dental Show in Cologne, Germany, already is promising to become another record-breaking dental trade show, once more featuring innovations in implantology as the driving force behind dentistry. Numerous new partnerships will enhance integrative workflow solutions, both digital and analogous. At each new IDS, we observe new market participants contributing their entrepreneurial spirit and determination to the greater good of a progressing health industry.

In this regard, I would especially like to point out the latest developments in zirconium dioxide-based implant systems. In this branch, we can find several companies offering their new and innovative systems to the still growing niche sector of ceramic implant technology. However, conventional titanium-based implant systems and their progresses are presented at or will have their debut at the IDS. This gives both specialists in implantology and oral surgery the demanding task to wisely choose among the many innovations presented at this year's International Dental Show.

Which leaves me only to wish you a pleasant and informative reading of this latest issue of **implants international magazine of oral implantology**, hoping that it will give you helpful input for your decision-making process.

For this, you can find us at the IDS booth of OT medical (hall 11.2., L060), our long-term industrial partner and main sponsor of our annual congresses. You can also learn more about our international annual congresses and other international educational events and activities. Please contact the DGZI headquarters if you wish to make appointments in advance.

With warm collegial regards,

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