

DGZI— globally engaged



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Dear colleagues,

The first half of this year had scheduled numerous international events in the field of implantology in which we as the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI e.V.) participated representing our members and readers of this journal. Especially worth mentioning among those events is the annual meeting of the American Academy of Osseointegration (AO) with more than 2,500 participants. Attending the impressive congress with a delegation of DGZI members, we maintained our existing contacts and also made some new ones. The international exchange of expertise in the field of implantology is an essential part of our work as expert association and ensures a high standard of quality in practice and teaching while at the same time providing an important basis for the scientific conception of our annual DGZI congresses. As a result of our personal contacts and conversations, internationally renowned speakers as well as young and ambitious colleagues are encouraged to participate and engage. Referring to the exchange of expertise, Dr Pollack, AO President, said to the participants of this year's AO congress: "The majority of what we take home from meetings like this arises from sharing ideas and problems with our colleagues. Sitting in the auditorium next to someone who is practicing at the other end of the country or even the world, someone who has different perspectives and preconditions and thus applies different procedures, is eye opening and presents a variety of possibilities."

In addition, the 37th International Dental Show (IDS) in Cologne was another major event for all involved in the dental community. On the one hand, there seems to be no other event like the IDS offering such a broad overview of current technologies and trends in the area of implantology. As could be seen in Cologne, the promises that have been made over the last couple of years concerning the digital workflow in guided surgery in implantology are slowly being fulfilled; more and more integrated measures enter the market. On the other hand, the IDS constitutes the best place to meet old and new interlocutors for joint projects. With the help of OT medical, our long-term industrial partner and main sponsor of our annual congresses, the DGZI were able to present a point of contact at this year's IDS. For this we are especially thankful!

One last word regarding our scientific activities: On the occasion of the 47th annual congress on 29 and 30 September 2017 in Berlin, we once again present our DGZI awards. This includes the DGZI Implant Dentistry Award 2017 (5,000 Euro) as well as the DGZI Thesis Award 2017 (2,000 Euro). The closing date for both awards is 31 May 2017. Further details and conditions of participation are available at our website www.dgzi.de. I now wish you a pleasant and informative reading of this issue of **implants international magazine of oral implantology**.

Yours

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