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# A good year for ceramic implants

2018 has been a successful year for ceramic implantology in many ways. To begin with, the companies which are active in the field of ceramic implantology continue to prove the field's potential for innovation. Today, there are a great number of modern two-piece systems available for dental patients to choose from, which come close to the prosthetic possibilities of titanium implants. Moreover, the micro-rough surfaces of the new systems have already proven themselves. Recent patient surveys show that both the general demand for ceramic implants and the patient's interest in this regard is steadily increasing. I am delighted that both Dr Michael Gahlert, who is part of the Editorial Council of this very magazine, as well as Dr Stefan Röhling, Vice President of the just recently founded European Society for Ceramic Implantology (ESCI), contributed to the topic of ceramic implantology by providing us with an extensive article (see page 06). In regard to implant therapy, the article shows that there are patient groups who prefer ceramic implants over titanium implants—even if it might lead to higher expenditures.

In addition to that, the educational developments in the field of ceramic implantology have become increasingly diverse: Led by their President Dr Sammy Noubissi, the International Academy of Ceramic Implantology (IAOCI) was celebrating already their seventh International Annual Congress in San Diego, USA, whereas the International Society of Metal Free Implantology (ISMI) was successfully hosting their fourth Annual Congress in Hamburg, Germany. Headed by Dr Karl Ulrich Volz, the event was welcoming far more than 200 participants.

Admittedly, the large and well-established expert associations are not able to do without lectures or spe-

cial podiums with respect to ceramic implantology anymore—one needs to look no further than to either the EuroPerio held in Amsterdam, Netherlands, the congress of the European Association for Osseointegration (EAO) recently held in Vienna, Austria, or the first Future Congress of the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI) held in Duesseldorf, Germany.

Under the leadership of Dr Jens Tartsch, the European Society for Ceramic Implantology, which was founded at the end of 2017, primarily aims to foster the scientifically based discourse in close collaboration with the dental industry. In this regard, the ESCI published an initial statement in October formulating the current state of dental implantology including ceramic implants (see page 46).

In the coming year, both the IAOCI, as well as the ISMI will, again, each be hosting an International Annual Congress. In addition, the ESCI will be holding its very own Annual Congress for the first time. The education offerings in the form of congresses for practitioners continue to grow, and so, too, does the general demand for information about ceramic implantology.

In the light of these various developments, the actual task for us as publicists is to provide our readers with a comprehensive outlook which reflects the diversity of ceramic implants initiatives. We hope to live up to this claim in publishing this new issue of ceramic implants—international magazine of ceramic implant technology. I sincerely hope that you enjoy the read. Until next time.

Yours, Georg Isbaner