

In the main interest: the new modular post- graduate education concept of the DGZI



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Dear colleagues,

once again IDS 2009 has proved to be the mega event of the international dental world. The increasing number of exhibitors and visitors showed that the upward trend of the past years could be maintained. This signal was and is still of great importance, especially with regard to the tense situation in the market, and the worldwide stagnating or even declining sales figures. This shows, that dentistry and especially implantology may confront this crisis with new ideas, technological innovation and the courage to try out new approaches. IDS's main issues were, on the one hand digital dentistry, ranging from diagnosis, planning and navigation to CAD/CAM-made dental prostheses, and of course, as in the past years, implantology on the other hand. The line of products is increasingly difficult to overview. Apart from those manufacturers already established in Germany, there is an increasing number of Asian system suppliers entering the lucrative German market. Considering the increasing exchangeability of the products, the main focus now also lies on all kinds of services offered for implants. It was the second time that the expert association DGZI was represented with its own stand at IDS. The decision to form part of IDS paid off again. Throughout the event, DGZI's board members and the Düsseldorf office staff had plenty to do in order to cope with the visitors' enormous need for information at the fair. The primary topic of interest was the postgraduate education program offered by our expert association. Especially the new modular concept of the DGZI curriculum, which provides the participants with many different possibilities, as there are e.g. the contents of the curricula concerning personal interest, and specific requirements that can be tailored to a participant's own practice, attracted much attention. With this practice-oriented concept the DGZI does not only take into account the persistent trend of specialization, but also the different requirements for main issues concerning the practice itself. In addition to master studies, DGZI has developed a systematic module curriculum based on five compulsory modules, e.g. concerning implant prosthetics and hard and soft tissue management. All participants no matter if you are an implantology expert or beginner will be updated with regard to scientific basics and practice-oriented techniques. Afterwards, the participants can select from more than ten modules, and choose three main topics according to their special interests. Topics that can be chosen are e.g. gerostomatology, laser in implantology, piezo-based surgery, and also sedation techniques. The new curriculum additionally ensures efficiency by avoiding any overlapping with previous curricula contents. It is also possible to book single modules separately, i.e. independent of participating in the whole curriculum. This is a further step to improve the education in dental implantology.

With kind regards,

Yours

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

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