

# Consensus Conference **Implantology**

Starting from the beginning of the year 2009 DGZI presides over the Consensus Conference. Dr med dent Roland Hille currently is its President. This is a good opportunity to talk to Dr Hille, Board member of the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI) and get more information about the aims and tasks of this union.



## Dr Hille, can you tell us, what stands behind the Consensus Conference Implantology?

**Dr Hille:** The Consensus Conference Implantology is a cooperation of two scientific specialist non profit associations (DGI, DGZI), two professional associations (BDIZ, BDO), and an organization that is both a professional and a scientific specialist association (DGMKG, German Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery).

The members of the KK (CC, Consensus Conference) are:

- \_ The Professional Association of Oral Surgeons (BDO)
- \_ The European Association of Dental Implantologists (BDIZ/EDI)
- \_ German Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (DGMKG)
- \_ German Association of Implantology (DGI)
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The Working Group for Maxillofacial Surgery is an associated member of the Consensus Conference Implantology without any right to vote.

## Are there regular meetings of the Consensus Conference?

**Dr Hille:** Every member sends two participants to the Consensus Conference Implantology. As a rule, there are four annual meetings of the Consensus Conference Implantology.

## What are the tasks of the Consensus Conference?

**Dr Hille:** The Consensus Conference was brought into being with the aim to create a neutral meeting place for opinion-forming, implementing the specialization for implantology. Of top priority are quality management in implantology, consistent definitions of medical standards, congruent determination of professional training contents, and their mutual recognition, and equal evaluation, always referring to this professional field.

## Does the Consensus Conference influence the postgraduate education programs?

**Dr Hille:** During the joint meeting of the different associations (Consensus Conference) on May 2<sup>nd</sup>,

1998, a resolution was passed which says that the scientific associations DGI and DGZI will implement a structured curriculum (Curriculum implantology) in the field of oral implantology. DGZI and DGI mutually and completely approved their structured curriculum (curricula). In the same meeting it was also agreed upon to develop consistent criteria for curricula and examinations.

Together with the BDIZ/EDI the DGMKG and the BDO took over the professional conduct-related task to achieve that the successfully acquired qualifications focussing on the special field of oral implantology issued by the scientific associations to be approved by the German Dental Associations and the federal chamber of dentistry. Meanwhile also the points rating system for continuing medical education (CME) is approved and accepted by the German Dental Associations and the federal chamber of dentistry in a unique form. More information can be found in the table on the opposite side.

## What was and is the aim of the Consensus Conference concerning dental education?

**Dr Hille:** It was the aim of the Consensus Conference to set up uniform federal criteria for professional training in dental implantology. Apart from the other associations participating in the Consensus Conference, the scientific associations have developed their own Implantology Curriculum. Another effort of the Consensus Conference was to standardize these curricula according to the main features of scientific criteria.

## Can you give us an idea about the advantages the colleagues have after passing the education program?

**Dr Hille:** Postgraduate structural curricula modules which are successfully passed can be fully approved for a Master of Science study program. In cooperation with the Danube State University Krems in Austria the DGZI conducts a Master of Science study program for oral implantology. The curricula programs are accepted mutual unanimously by the scientific specialist non profit associations (DGI, DGZI) and integrated in the study programs of the participating universities. DGI e.g., in cooperation with



Steinbeis College Berlin, an officially recognized private college, offers also a two year Master of Science study program in oral implantology as well as other regional universities such as Westfälische University Münster.

But the Consensus Conference neither dictates the contents of the curricula, nor is this intended. The scientific associations (DGZI, DGI) update the contents continuously according to new concepts and treatment options.

DGZI conducts also a qualification test for the specialization "Specialist Implantology DGZI". This qualification test is approved as advanced training according to the certification rules of the Consensus Conference and focuses on more clinical and practical training.

Let me last but not least mention that DGZI also is

conducting the so called German Board examination as an international qualification test which is also based on the successfully passed curricula.

**If our colleagues have more questions about these very interesting subjects, what is the contact address of the Consensus Conference?**

**Dr Hille:** The Consensus Conference office's address is

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**Dr Hille, thanks a lot for these valuable information.**

## \_ Consensus Conference Implantologie at a glance

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Administration: DGZI.

President: Dr med dent Roland Hille

Annual Meetings: 4

Participants per member: 2

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\_ The same applies to the implantology curriculum offered by DGI in cooperation with the Academy Practice and Science (APW) of the DGZMK (German Association of Dental and Maxillofacial Medicine)

\_ DGMKG offers a corresponding curriculum in the field of oral and maxillofacial surgery.