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Ceramic implants—We need to talk!

The number of initiatives surrounding ceramic implants has increased significantly lately. New expert associations dealing solely with this subject are taking the stage. In Europe alone, three major congresses on ceramic implantology will take place this year. And in the US, the IAOCI and its cooperation partners are also quite active.

It therefore seems fair to say: there is a lot to talk about, when it comes to ceramic implants.

The fact that there is a strong need for communication is reflected in this issue of *ceramic implants—international magazine of ceramic implant technology*: Never before have we received so many specialist articles and information as for this issue. And never before did we print so many pages—and still were not able to take everything into account.

During IDS 2019 in Cologne, we've had the opportunity to talk to numerous ceramics specialists. For a start, we spoke to Ric Donaca, CEO and Head of Development of the Germany-based manufacturer Argon Medical, about his new ceramic implant system, which is made with a synthetic content, giving the material the elasticity that is necessary to deal with high loading forces (pages 42

and 43). An interview with Frank Hemm, Head of Marketing & Education at Straumann, and Rubino Di Girolamo, CEO of Z-Systems, about the new partnership between the two companies (pages 44–46) was equally informative as a conversation with Philip Bolleter (Head of the Technical Department at Dentalpoint) and Adrian Hunn (Head of Marketing and Sales at Dentalpoint) about the overall market situation and the digital workflow for ceramic implants (pages 40 and 41). Last but not least, we've quizzed Dr Jens Tartsch about future research tasks ceramic implantology has yet to address. Founded in 2018, his expert association is also dedicated to fostering this still rather young field of oral implantology.

Ultimately, however, this issue is a platform for those who are in direct therapeutic contact with patients: implantologists and prosthodontists who specialise in ceramic implant restorations. The most experienced and globally renowned clinicians share insights into their exceptional work with patients—without them, none of this would be possible.

I hope you enjoy the read.

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