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Visions of the future

Dear friends and colleagues,

Behind us lies an extremely successful dental weekend of noteworthy accomplishments: the second Future Congress for Dental Implantology of the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI), which was held in early October in Munich, not only was informative and appealing to clinicians from Germany and abroad, but also proved that our visionary Future Congress concept is gaining ground. This concept, which we presented for the first time in Düsseldorf in 2018, represents a radical turnaround from the conventional parliamentary congress format through the introduction of fresh, interactive elements. In this context, the table clinics and the digital poster presentation are particularly worth a mention.

The fact that our new format is growing in acceptance is reflected in the significantly increased number of participants compared with previous years, but even more so in the fact that about half of the participants in Munich were under the age of 40—which we are very pleased about! We take this not only as a complement but also as a clear responsibility towards the younger generations that represent our future. The future concept runs like a thread through all our work at DGZI, including further training and curricula, and collaboration with dental technicians, always with an overriding focus on the practice of implant dentistry. I can confidently say

that, at the beginning of October, we succeeded in presenting oral implantology not as it is today, but as it will be in five to ten years from now.

I am personally very happy and utterly grateful that I was elected new DGZI President at this year's general meeting, which was held in Munich one day ahead of the congress. Embracing the responsibility that my new role as President entails, I will accompany and support our DGZI and lead it into its anniversary year in 2020, when we will celebrate half a century of DGZI. This will truly be a worthy event and we will celebrate it duly. It will not only be the anniversary of the oldest expert society for oral implantology in Europe but also an anniversary of German implantology itself, since the courageous and visionary founders of DGZI have contributed a great deal to establishing this dental discipline and to eventually developing its wider application. We are looking forward to our anniversary year!

Yours,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping 'G' followed by a few loops and a short horizontal stroke.

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