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Join **DGZI** on the track for success

With a 50-year history, the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI) represents a practice-oriented and evidence-based approach to implantology in Germany. DGZI always keeps pushing boundaries in this particularly innovative field of dentistry. We place an overarching focus on actively supporting our practising colleagues and dental technicians by offering a wide range of special training courses. I can proudly say that DGZI is one of the best internationally networked German expert societies for dental implantology, boasting more than registered 4,000 members in Germany alone and more than 13,000 cooperating members in 66 countries abroad. In addition, the annual meeting of DGZI is considered a definite highlight and it is fair to say that it has become an integral part of the annual schedules of numerous clinicians from all around the globe.

With more than 300 holders of the DGZI specialist in oral implantology certification, our expert society can recommend a vast number of highly qualified clinicians who continue to break the mould every single day in their dental practices. Thanks to our close ties to universities and research facilities we can implement the latest findings effortlessly into their daily practice. Fully recognised by the "Konsensuskonferenz Implantologie" (a joint initiative of German professional associations involved in dental implantology), the one-year DGZI implantology curriculum is the base for the practitioner. It features an innovative e-learning concept, which consists of regularly updated compulsory and optional modules, and is now offered in English too. The DGZI implantology curriculum is a state-of-the-art beacon of education for young aspiring dentists looking to delve deeply into the specialist field that is oral implantology.

In 2019 the American Board of Oral Implantology (ABOI) in the US decided to make the ABOI/ID Diplomate examination available for experienced dental practitioners internationally. The ABOI has an independent examination committee chartered by the American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID), the official US partner of DGZI. Now, especially graduates of the DGZI implantology curriculum, as well as holders of both Expert in Dental Implantology and DGZI Specialist in Oral Implantology certification can take this examination to become an ABOI/ID Diplomate in addition to the already gained credentials. DGZI can offer individual training and/or preparatory seminars for those wishing to pursue this prestigious certification on request.

Last but not least we should not forget our endeavours in publishing: The German language *Implantologie Journal* and the English language *implants—international magazine of oral implantology*. The former is DGZI's personal member journal and delivered to our German DGZI members, oral surgeons, prosthodontists and dental technicians on a monthly basis. The latter, with a circulation of 10,000 copies and four issues every year, is popular in over 90 countries around the world.

I wish you a great and interesting time reading this first 2020 issue of *implants—international magazine of oral implantology*.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rolf Vollmer'.

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