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Through the 3rd Future Congress for Dental Implantology, the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI) planned to celebrate its 50th anniversary this year in its founding city of Bremen. The outstanding congress concept, the streaming of live surgeries, the myriad of scientific lectures delivered by renowned speakers, the table clinics with hands-on character, the digital poster presentation and the now traditional get-together would have made for a truly extraordinary scientific event for continuing professional development. At the congress, attendees would have had the opportunity to reflect on half a century of oral implantology in Germany, which in its essence is deeply entwined with the work of DGZI. The objective was to highlight major current developments and to envision what implantology of the future could look like. The congress would have been the perfect platform for collegial exchange, discussions with experts and fruitful talks with industry representatives.

In the past months, a great deal of effort has been invested in the preparation of the congress. Time and again, attempts have been made to adapt the concept to the dynamically changing COVID-19-related restrictions on public gatherings and stipulations regarding hygiene measures. These unpredictable circumstances have made it increasingly difficult to realise an event of such magnitude and complex character. After all, personal exchange and close interaction between partic-

ipants is the foundation that the Future Congress is based on. Additionally, the limited number of participants allowed in the city of Bremen at the time of writing would have meant that about half of the congress registrations would have had to have been cancelled. In view of the dramatically surging number of infections, there was little hope that the situation would change and hence, considering the importance of protecting the health of all those involved, DGZI ultimately had to reschedule the congress.

DGZI would like to take this opportunity and thank all participants, speakers, industry experts and the organiser, OEMUS MEDIA. Without their trust and committed support, this long-planned project would never have come so far. We invite you to follow the continuing efforts at DGZI, and we already look forward to welcoming you to the 3rd Future Congress for Dental Implantology—our 50th International Annual Congress—in 2021.

The fact that not everything has had to be subordinated to the pandemic is underlined by this year's fourth issue of *implants—international magazine of oral implantology*. We wish you and your entire practice staff an enlightening read, good health and mental resilience for the weeks and months to come.

Yours, Drs Georg Bach & Rolf Vollmer