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## Dental **implantology** in times of crisis

**Implantology has been a crucial factor** in dental healthcare and continues to be so—even in these challenging times of the coronavirus. Patients in Germany and other countries have been receiving reliable dental care over the past months with regard to all oral and surgical matters, which naturally includes implantology. The fact that implantology is a stable and reliable pillar of dental healthcare in crises like the current one does not seem self-evident at first glance, but it underscores the importance that this special discipline enjoys among the population today. Implantology must not be considered optional; rather is it integral to the basic therapy spectrum of dentistry and cannot be sidelined if circumstances get dire. This is not least due to the many years of dental training and continuing education in implant surgery and prosthetics, as well as the continuous development of first-rate products and services from our trade and industry partners.

In light of this, it is quite evident that the Future Congress of the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI) remains indispensable. The 50-year anniversary of DGZI was initially planned to be celebrated last year in the German city of Bremen, the association's founding city. However, owing to the COVID-19 pandemic-related restrictions imposed by the federal government at that time, the congress had to be postponed. The cancelled congress will now be held on 1 and 2 October 2021 in Cologne in Germany with a programme that remains unchanged in terms of its high degree of versatility and interactivity and its first-rate character. In addition to the informative dental exhibition, the Future Podium will commence on Friday with a lecture of my own on triumphs and tragedies in implantology, which will be followed by lectures by Prof. Shahram Ghanaati on the use of autologous blood concentrates in implantology and oral surgery and Prof. Katja Nelson on digitalisation in implantology

(from freehand to guided surgery), and a subsequent joint panel discussion. Thereafter, the streaming of a live surgery conducted by Dr Jan Klenke demonstrating periodontal recession coverage using an acellular dermal matrix and a tutorial by Prof. Daniel Grubeanu on elevated immediate restoration concepts will follow. The subsequent three sessions of more than 20 table clinics (45 minutes each) will allow for direct peer–peer exchange on different treatment approaches, concepts and products within the context of implantology and peri-implantitis therapy. The digital poster presentation will kick off on Friday as well, and the winners will be awarded the next day. Saturday will be dedicated to the transfer of academic knowledge through lectures by internationally renowned speakers. We are honoured to have been able to attract, among others, the presidents of numerous leading expert societies as speakers for this part of the programme. You will find the complete Future Congress programme at [www.dgzi-jahreskongress.de](http://www.dgzi-jahreskongress.de).

We are looking forward to finally seeing you in person again! With this in mind, I wish you a beautiful, successful and harmonious late summer and an exciting time reading this new issue of **implants—international magazine of oral implantology**.

Yours,

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