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50 years of DGZI—a strong indicator for European dental implantology

In celebration of the 50-year anniversary of the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI), its third Future Congress for Dental Implantology was held in Cologne in Germany in early October. Owing to coronavirus-related travel and other restrictions imposed by governments worldwide, we had to celebrate our anniversary with a delay of one year, but this did not hinder its success in any way. We can proudly look back on a beautiful and worthy celebration of half a century of European implantology and a multifaceted, exciting congress. All in all, this one-of-a-kind event did full justice to the unique occasion.

As the oldest implantological expert society in Europe, celebrating 50 years of our existence was truly a milestone for us. We used the special event in Cologne as an occasion to reflect on the incredible developments that dental implantology has undergone in the past 50 years since our foundation by the visionary group led by Prof. Hans Grafelmann. DGZI has accompanied and helped to shape these developments from their very beginnings until today. Moreover, through our anniversary congress, we have succeeded in providing a visionary outlook of what future implantology might offer in five to ten years from now in terms of new clinical techniques and new approaches to implantology in general.

We can proudly say that our valued guest speakers were indeed the who's who of European implantology and

contributed greatly to the scientific programme. Against this background, I would like to express my most sincere gratitude to the presidents and board members of the German Society for Implantology (DGI), the German Society of Oral Implantology (DGOI) and the other specialist societies who accepted our invitation to address our congress participants and delivered truly insightful lectures. Despite the undoubtedly competitive situation between the various professional associations, the 2021 event in Cologne revealed something quite important: on certain topics and in certain situations, those at the forefront of German—and on a broader scale of course European—dental implantology are united in their vision of the future orientation of implantology. This is a strong indicator for us!

In this spirit, I would like to extend warm and friendly greetings to you and wish you enjoyable reading of the last issue of this anniversary year of **implants—international magazine of oral implantology**, as well as a reflective time ahead of the Christmas season!

Sincerely yours,

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

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