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Same procedure as **every** year?

Dear colleagues, when writing the editorial for this first issue of our **implants—international magazine of oral implantology**, the British cabaret sketch *Dinner for One* came to mind. Each time the legendary butler James asks the question “The same procedure as last year?”, he is answered with the catchphrase “The same procedure as every year, James!” by the lady of the house. Indeed, the situation in which we now find ourselves at the beginning of 2022 is reminiscent of exactly one year ago. In view of the agonising uncertainty, I too have the fear that it could be the same again at the beginning of 2023—the same procedure as...—because the fact is that the pandemic will not let us out of its clutches.

But what has happened in this past year, from editorial to editorial? The pandemic has changed our everyday lives and that of our practices for yet another year; it has thoroughly shaken things up again. But fortunately, there have also been beautiful moments, like the German Association of Dental Implantology's (DGZI's) grandiose birthday congress in Cologne last autumn, when the DGZI family celebrated the 50 plus one anniversary with many friends.

Do we have cause for resignation? There might be plenty of reasons, but resignation does not befit the spirit of our profession. Dentists are creators, and this should and will remain so. Let us—despite the adverse conditions—approach the new year positively and with vigour. The realisation that we are allowed to practise one of the most beautiful professions of all and the joy of our special discipline, dental implantology, allow us to generously overlook a thing or two.

Let us look forward to an exciting year and to many personal interactions with the members of our large and international DGZI family! I wish you well in your private and professional lives, success, much joy and, above all, the best of health.

Warm and collegial greetings,

Dr Georg Bach