

## 30<sup>th</sup> European Committee meeting in Cologne

# Great demand for continuing education in implantology

Once again, the representatives of the partner associations of BDIZ EDI and invited guests met in 2022 on the occasion of the 30<sup>th</sup> Expert Symposium to exchange ideas. The one topic that dominated the Cologne meeting in early May was the situation of dentists in the various countries in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Members of the European Committee at the Dorint Hotel in Cologne.

The Committee consisted of the following participants: Christian Berger, Dr Renate Tischer and Anita Wuttke of the BDIZ EDI, Prof. António Felino (Portugal), Dr Fisnik Kasapi (Macedonia), Dr Davorin Šimunović and Dr Deni Milevcic (Croatia), Prof. Vitomir Konstantinovic (Serbia), Dr Zoran Marjanovic (Serbia), Dr Jan Willem Vaartjes (Netherlands) and Dr Eimear O'Connell (United Kingdom).

Reports by the different country representatives indicated that some countries had a shortage of serious events and organisers when it comes to continuing professional development (CPD) in oral implantology. ADI UK President Dr Eimear O'Connell reported that while there were many active providers in her country's CPD market, many young dentists would tend to implant too quickly without having obtained the necessary training. Prof. António Felino emphasized the high quality of dental care in Portugal, but also deplored the "flood" of dental graduates, which that country cannot absorb. In addition, the majority of those graduates would focus on oral surgery. Prof. Vitomir

Konstantinovic confirmed for Serbia that the majority of CPD offerings in oral implantology are industry-driven. Dr Zoran Marjanovic, Vice President of USSI EDI, reporting on the Serbian situation, said it was difficult to find the right partners to implement a Curriculum Implantology on the BDIZ EDI model. Dr Fisnik Kasapi of EDI Macedonia lamented the perpetually changing North Macedonian governments that resulted in weak rule-making. At the present time, he reported, the dental association was trying to solve the anaesthesia issue caused by the practice of sedation being restricted to hospitals.

The problem of patients not seeking treatment due to the COVID-19 pandemic appears to be dissipating. There are enough patients – the problem is to find practice staff, said Dr Jan Willem Vaartjes. He is currently taking action against the Dutch antibiotics guideline, which intends to regulate the administration of antibiotics. For Germany, BDIZ EDI President Christian Berger reported on the German facility-based vaccination mandate.

Anita Wuttke thanked all participants for their commitment and cooperation in connection with *EDI Journal*, reporting that there had been a change of publisher. After many years of working with the previous set-up, BDIZ EDI has now switched publisher to OEMUS MEDIA in Leipzig.

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## Preview for 2023

The 18<sup>th</sup> Expert Symposium of BDIZ EDI and, hence, the 31<sup>st</sup> European Committee meeting will again be held in Cologne, on 18 and 19 February 2023. The BDIZ EDI will also be represented with its own booth at the IDS dental trade fair, to be held 14–18 March 2023 in Cologne.