

DGZI Implant Dentistry Award

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The famous "Apollo Theater" in Düsseldorf was the setting for this year's DGZI Implant Dentistry Awards, a distinction conferred for only the second time in DGZI history. The DGZI's scientific advisory board awarded €20,000 in prize money in conjunction with the awards. For the first time ever, the DGZI Award was held in honor of the 35-year anniversary of the DGZI 2005 in Berlin.

A jury comprised of experts from private practices and universities alike judged submissions from both industry and academia. Jury members included Prof Dr Heiner Weber/Tübingen, Prof Dr Jürgen Becker/Düsseldorf, Prof Dr Gisbert Krekeler/Freiburg im Breisgau, Dr Georg Bach/Freiburg im Breisgau, Dr Steve Eckert/USA and Dr Roland Hille/Viersen. The main goal of the DGZI Implant Dentistry Awards is to foster research in implantology and in related dental treatment fields; contributions from the fields of prosthetics and laser therapy, for example, were also submitted this year. As a general criterion, submissions were not allowed to have been previously published in any form. DGZI directors asked world-renowned cosmetic surgeon Prof Dr Werner Mang, chief physician at the Bodenseeklinik in Lindau, Germany, to confer the award. Prof Mang has maintained a close relationship to the DGZI for several years and is considered one of the first in his field to have recognized that a beautiful face isn't simply a matter of attractive eyes, a striking nose, full lips and smooth skin, all standard fields of aesthetic facial surgery. Perhaps more so than many others, Prof Mang understands that a radiant smile with beautiful teeth greatly contributes to an overall sense of well being and accordingly integrated dentistry and oral surgery into his aesthetic treatment plan at an early stage. Dr Roland Hille, vice president of the DGZI and chairman of the scientific advisory board, moderated this year's DGZI Implant Dentistry Awards. Although the jury evaluated submissions based on 21 different criteria, there was still a close outcome. The team of Prof Dr Bourauel/Rahimi from the University of Bonn took third place with the topic "Experimental and numerical analysis of the biomechanical behaviour of immediately loaded dental implants in a pig model". Assistant medical director Dr Arne Boeckler from the Department of Prosthetics at the University of Halle (Saale) submitted "Marginal accuracy of combined tooth implant supported fixed dental prostheses". Dr Bormann, Department



of Dentistry, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Hannover Medical School, presented "Recontouring the alveolar crest by a combination of an outer convex cortical bone transplant and filling with autogenous bone". In the end, Dr Boeckler and Dr Bormann each received an identical number of points from the jury and were thus jointly conferred the 2007 DGZI Implant Dentistry Award. The two winners will have the opportunity to present their work at the fourth annual International Arab Meeting in Dubai at the beginning of March 2008. In an ongoing effort to encourage international scientific exchange, the DGZI will defray all costs for the two winners. The ceremony concluded with a performance featuring several international artists for the 400 award ceremony attendees. The legendary DGZI party overlooking the Rhine and the lights of downtown Düsseldorf provided a perfect backdrop to the conclusion of yet another incredibly successful DGZI Implant Dentistry Awards ceremony.

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