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Quality and Professionalism “made in Germany”

In times of worldwide globalization and merging of economics, science, and cultures, a large professional association such as the DGZI can gaze upon its multiple worldwide connections with pride. The objective of the oldest scientific implantology association in Europe has always been to integrate science and practical experience at a high level also at general dentistry practices. The DGZI is a synonym for the practicability of scientific knowledge transfer to implantologists' practices. The development of the DGZI, in particular in recent years, has led to a high degree of recognition as well as excellent international reputation both in Germany and abroad.

Recently, the 4th Arab-German Implantology Conference of DGZI was held in Dubai. The conference had an interesting program that has made it one of the foremost educational events of our time in the Middle East Region. Over 250 participants from 18 countries visited this international conference. Compared to the increasing number of dental educational seminars in Germany and worldwide, this success cannot be valued highly enough. In principle, the success of this DGZI meeting is a prime example of international collegiality and friendship.

Another positive signal is that, on the occasion of the Dubai meeting, leading representatives of the region's chambers of dentists met with representatives of the DGZI executive board in order to discuss future common projects in the area of continuing education, approval of qualifications and continued scientific cooperation.

The DGZI also faces increased interest of dentists in Germany to become internationally active or care for patients from abroad. Trends that are already normal in cosmetic surgery, orthopedics and many other fields of human medicine is now also increasingly developing in dentistry. Patients from abroad, e.g., from the Middle East and the former USSR come to Germany to receive qualified treatment. On the other hand, German physicians and dentists are welcome in these patients' homelands. Patients not only expect a well-educated and experienced physician or dentist. They also assume that the treating medical specialists will have extensive English skills, specifically in his field, in order to discuss their treatment plan and thus guarantee optimal treatment.

On the occasion of the 38th International Annual Congress of the DGZI in Bremen, the DGZI—together with the GBOI (German Board of Oral Implantology)—will hold the 1st International Exam in English in Germany. All members of the Implantology Specialists' Group of the DGZI and Experts will have the opportunity to acquire an international certificate. By means a written and oral exam they will prove that they are proficient in their specialty area and are also capable of communicating in the English language. The already large number of registrants and high demand for this international exam prove that the community views the "internationality" factor very positively.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Rolf Vollmer', written in a cursive style.

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