

# Practice-oriented implantology



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\_IDS 2013 has both met and exceeded any expectations implantologists could foster towards the world's leading international dental exhibition. With more than 15 million implants already inserted in Germany alone and over 800,000 implantations every year, implantology is a regular focal point at IDS and many implantologists are among the visitors.

As the oldest European society for implantology, DGZI (German Society of Oral Implantology) took its responsibility as an internationally active organisation for dental implantologists seriously and was present with its own booth. Specialists from around the world were welcome to learn more about the DGZI training programs and DGZI membership. The DGZI booth was also a meeting point for regular members both nationally and internationally. The DGZI executive board, among them DGZI President Prof. Dr Dr Frank Palm, Dr Roland Hille and Dr Rainer Valentin, were available for any requests throughout IDS, providing aspiring and long-term members, co-operation partners as well as the media with information on future events and activities of DGZI.

One of the central topics was of course the 43<sup>rd</sup> DGZI International Congress from 3 to 5 October 2013 in Berlin. "Practice-Oriented Implantology" will be this year's headline of the traditional DGZI meeting led by Congress President Prof. Dr Dr Frank Palm and Scientific Director Dr Roland Hille. The DGZI International Congress has established itself as a meeting point for novice as well as highly experienced clinicians, presenting the latest scientific insights and evidence-based clinical observations on the current developments in this special field.

With this in mind, the DGZI executive board is happy to have promoted implantology successfully at IDS and strives to reflect DGZI's activities and international orientation again in this issue of *implants—international magazine of oral implantology*. Therefore, we hope you will enjoy reading the specialist articles on the following pages and will be glad to welcome specialists in implantology again in Berlin this fall!

Yours,

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