

1st Joint Congress of GLIPD and DGZI in Georgia

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Together with its Georgian partner society GLIPD (Georgian League of Implantology Professional Development), the DGZI held their first joint congress from 10 to 11 July 2016 in Kakheti, which is situated about 80 km near Tiflis. The DGZI executive board was represented by Dr Rolf Vollmer, Dr Rainer Valentin and Dr Mazen Tamimi. GLIPD has been a DGZI partner since 2015, including a cooperation agreement concerning congresses and curricular further education.

The implantological programme was comprised of contributions by Georgian speakers as well as speakers and DGZI members of the board from abroad. Also speaking was DGZI member Dr Michael Hopp from Berlin, Germany. Impressive speeches, such as those by MD PhD Kakha Metreveli, MD PhD Dea Vadachkoria, MD PhD Levan Tadumadze, MD PhD Ramaz Orjonikidze, Dr Galaktion Makhviladze und Dr George Makharadze, illustrated the event's high academic level and the state of the art of implantology in Georgia. Digital radiography, CBCT or CAD/CAM technology—Everything is possible in Georgia, surgically as well as prosthetically. Prosthetic solutions which match the patient and his/her financial back-

ground were introduced, including contemporary materials such as PEEK. Last but not least, Georgia showed an exemplary hospitality, which contributed in making this first joint congress a special highlight. Wine tastings and an introduction to the secrets of golfing completed the event's programme.

Moreover, the event organisers confirmed that they will take part in this year's Oktoberfest and the 46th International DGZI Congress in Munich from 30 September to 1 October 2016.

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Fig. 1: The congress speakers enjoyed the successful event.

Fig. 2: Members of the DGZI welcoming Georgia's hospitality.

