Dear Readers,

Germany, Spain, Poland, Italy, USA, Mexico, France, Morocco, and many more—The first months of summer were clearly dedicated to the international exchange of good practices as well as numerous advancements in the field of implantology. A great number of globally operating implantology companies held symposiums and workshops for thousands of implantologists. Equally, the DGZI also travelled over the past few weeks in order to carry out quality assurance in various international DGZI study groups, perform exams, support partner events and extend networks (see reports on pages 36 & 37 and in our next edition of implants magazine).

Once again, this activity has shown that dental implantology constitutes an internationally recognized therapy option, whose quality assurance must be guaranteed by constant training and further education. On the one hand, the industry itself ensures a high level of training standards within its sector; on the other hand, societies of dental implantology such as our association are more than ever before called upon to offer independent, innovative, and validated curricula and advanced training sessions. Because as we all know: Not only products and services of manufactures are subject to change, the dental profession itself is undergoing a period of demographic transition which requires new and flexible training offers.

As Europe’s oldest specialist association of dental implantology, DGZI has always considered itself as truly international in its scope and orientation. Hosting the 46th International Annual Congress (30 September–1 October, Munich) and providing freely combinable education modules and e-learning items, it offers a wide range of suitable education options and audit tools. In addition, we have two renowned and widely circulated titles at hand—the Implantologie Journal as well as implants international magazine of oral implantology—which due to their market penetration and high quality demands, set standards in the distribution of practical and relevant knowledge in the field of implantology.

As always, I wish you an enjoyable and informative read with the present edition of implants international magazine of oral implantology.

Warm regards,

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