

17th BDIZ EDI European Committee meeting in Munich

# Pulling together in Europe

**At its meeting on the occasion of the joint symposium of BDIZ EDI and DGOI in Munich in September, the European Committee got another step closer to the realization of its most important project, the implementation of the European Curriculum Implantology.**

All partner associations are keenly aware of the importance of pan-European cooperation between oral implantologists. The BDIZ EDI trip to Brussels in June 2011 and the dialogue with European Members of Parliament and representatives of European organizations further supports this, and it is clearly manifested by the representatives of the partner associations that are increasingly willing and eager to share their thoughts and contribute their issues to the committee meetings.

At the 17th meeting of the European Committee in Munich on the occasion of the joint symposium of BDIZ EDI and DGOI, BDIZ EDI President *Christian Berger* conferred with *Professor Hakan Özyuvaci* (Istanbul), *Professor Cemal Ucer* (Manchester), *Dr Philip Bennett* (Lyme Regis), *Tim Collard* (London), *Professor Vitomir Konstantinovic* (Belgrade), *Dr Zoran Marjanovic* (Novi Sad), *Dr Dusan Vasiljevic* (Friedeberg), *Professor Bernhard Broos* (Villach), *Professor Fidel San Román* (Madrid), *Yannis Roussis* (Athens) and *Dr Guido Schioli* (Genoa) about the implementation of the European Curriculum Implantology. *Dr Detlef Hildebrand* (BDIZ EDI Secretary General) and *Dr Dirk Duddeck* (Administrator of the BDIZ EDI Bonn office) were additional representatives of BDIZ EDI. *Dr Thomas Ratajczak* (BDIZ EDI legal adviser) kept the minutes. *Ralf Suckert* represented the publishers of BDIZ EDI konkret and EDI Journal.

## Qualification and comparability

The objective is to establish comparable basic qualification throughout Europe and beyond, based on comparable curricular content and taught by qualified speakers. *Dr Peter Ehrl*, who is implementing the curricula in Greece on behalf of BDIZ EDI, based on the BDIZ EDI and University of Cologne Curriculum Implantology, and *Dr Phil Bennett* of the Association of Dental Implantology (ADI UK) are currently assembling the standard modules.

The national reports were varied and interesting. *Professor Cemal Ucer* will be taking over the presi-



*The BDIZ EDI European Committee met at the Sofitel Munich Bayerpost hotel in September.*

dency of ADI UK after *Dr Stephen Jacobs* for the next two years and will strongly focus on the cooperation with BDIZ EDI. *Professor San Román* of Spain reported that the number of implant dentists on the Iberian Peninsula is increasing. He invited all participants to attend the International Annual Congress of the Sociedad des Implantes (SEI) in Valencia in May (see separate report). Within the framework of this congress, BDIZ EDI will also be holding its 6th European Symposium on 26 May 2012.

Turkey has passed a new law prohibiting university professors to practice privately after 5 pm. *Professor Broos* reported that the tendency on the part of German patients to seek dental treatment in Austria is continuing unabated. *Dr Schioli* of Italy reported problems with insurance carriers attempting to pay only 50 to 80 per cent of dental invoices across the board. Novi Sad will see another International Congress of USSI EDI in the spring of 2012. *Dr Marjanovic* encouraged the BDIZ EDI Board to contribute speakers and association representatives for the organization committee. Greece is experiencing a shortage of post-graduate continuing education in oral implantology; *Yannis Roussis* is hoping for support from Germany.

*Christian Berger* invited everyone to the next meeting on the occasion of the 7th BDIZ EDI Expert Symposium on "Risk-free implantation?" in Cologne on 19 February 2012.