

19th BDIZ EDI European Committee meeting

Large get-together in Munich

On the occasion of the 16th Symposium of BDIZ EDI in Munich in October, the BDIZ EDI European Committee met at the Westin Grand Arabella Park hotel. All representatives of the associated organizations had accepted the invitation, as had some invited guests from France, Tunisia and Croatia.



The BDIZ EDI European Committee held its 19th meeting – this time in Munich. (Left to right) Dr Dusan Vasiljević (Germany, Serbia), Christian Berger (Germany), Yannis Roussis (Greece), Dr Detlef Hildebrand (Germany), Dr Zoran Marjanović (Serbia), Professor Vitomir Konstantinović (Serbia), Professor Bernhard Broos (Austria), Dr Herbert Kubica (Poland), Professor António Felino (Portugal), Tim Collard (UK), Ralf Suckert (Germany), Professor Raja Mataar (Tunisia), Dr Hrvoje Pezo (Croatia), Professor Davor Seifert (Croatia), Dr Araceli Morales-Sánchez (Spain), Dr Franck Renouard (France), Dr Ante Omrčen (Croatia), Dr Peter Ehrl (Germany), Professor Thomas Ratajczak (Germany).

At the 19th European Committee meeting, BDIZ EDI President *Christian Berger* held discussions with *Tim Collard* (ADI UK, London), *Professor Vitomir Konstantinović* (Belgrade), *Dr Zoran Marjanović* (USSI EDI, Novi Sad), *Dr Dusan Vasiljević* (USSI EDI), *Dr Araceli Morales-Sánchez* (SEI, Madrid), *Dr Peter Ehrl* (Berlin), *Dr Herbert Kubica* (who stood in for OSIS EDI President *Professor Andrzej Wojtowicz*), *Ralf Suckert* as publisher of EDI Journal, *Professor António Felino* (SPCO, Porto), *Yannis Roussis* (Omnipress, Athens), *Professor Bernhard Broos* (Villach), *Professor Raja Mataar* (Tunis), *Dr Franck Renouard* (Paris) and the Presidents of the Croatian Chamber of Dentists, *Professor Davor Seifert*, *Dr Hrvoje Pezo* and *Dr Ante Omrčen*.

Dr Peter Ehrl, who together with *Dr Phil Bennett* is working on the European Curriculum Implantology project, announced in Munich that preparations had reached an advanced stage and that he was planning to present a programme for the European Curriculum of BDIZ EDI at the next committee meeting in Cologne in February. The most important innovation was that the Croatian Chamber of Dentists had expressed an interest in cooperating with BDIZ EDI. This is also why the Presidents of the Croatia Chamber of Dentists had come to Munich to discuss a possible future cooperation with BDIZ EDI.

Dr Hrvoje Pezo presented the Croatian Chamber of Dentists and its 8,000 members. He reported that the Croatians had good relations with their Serb neighbours and that they were greatly interested in starting a BDIZ EDI affiliate association modelled after USSI EDI in Serbia. Implantology, he said, had a great need for continuing education and training; the only available educational opportunities were those offered by the dental industry. As a first result of the future cooperation, a joint congress will be held in Croatia in June 2013; the 7th European Symposium in cooperation with the Croatian Chamber of Dentists will be held in Split on 15 June 2013.

The reports from the individual countries showed that some of them experienced a shortage of high-quality continuing-education events on oral implantology. There are plans for closer cooperation with associations in e.g. Serbia, Spain and Poland in the form of joint events. The quintessence of the meeting in Munich was that both the associate organizations and the representatives of other organizations are very interested in participating in the European Curriculum. The offer by *Christian Berger* and *Ralf Suckert* to associate organizations to further strengthen their own contributions to EDI Journal was welcomed by all sides.

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