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Quality assurance through further training

Dear colleagues,

Especially in the run-up to IDS, implant dentistry is receiving a great deal of attention, as it is one of the crystallisation points for new therapy procedures and innovative products in modern dentistry. In addition to the procedures and products, however, the skill and experience of the dentists is decisive, as is the case in other dental sub-disciplines. The performance of implant treatments requires special training. This is possible in the form of curricula offered by scientific societies, e.g. the German Association of Dental Implantology (DGZI), in which anatomy and complications are taught and discussed in full details. Furthermore, standard techniques such as bone splitting and sinus lift, as well as simple implantations with sufficient bone can be learned in phantom courses.

The German Association of Dental Implantology was one of the pioneers in this field and has been offering corresponding training opportunities for almost 20 years. Personally, I have to state that—especially in recent years—the trend has shifted from conventional prosthetics with a crown or bridge restoration to an implant restoration. Of course, patients should always be informed about alternatives. However, I have to say that most patients' decisions tend towards implant restorations, if financially possible. Especially in the atrophic mandible—where there are practically no alternatives to implantation—patients should always be informed about the possibility of stabilising the prosthesis by implant placement.

In order to deepen these and other relevant topics of modern implantology, DGZI not only organises every year a variety of training events within the framework of various curricula, but also organizes the 49th International Annual Congress of DGZI. This year, at the end of the Oktoberfest season, 4 to 5 October 2019, the congress will be held in Munich, Germany. This so-called “2nd Future Congress” will take place under the motto “Perio-Implantology: Implants, Bone & Tissue—Where are we today and where are we headed?” With practical table clinics on Friday and a top-class scientific lecture programme on Saturday, the implantological advanced training will be realised at the highest level.

Until then, I hope you enjoy reading the new *implants—international magazine of oral implantology* and would like to draw your attention to the contents relevant to continuing education that our colleagues have once again made available to us in the form of professional articles.

At IDS in Cologne, Germany, DGZI will be located in Hall 11.2, Booth L060, thanks to our long-standing cooperation partner OT medical.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Vollmer', written in a cursive style.

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