



## Assuring Quality – Together

“Quality assurance – implantology's corridor for success.” That is the motto of this year's congress which also sees the DGI's return to Hamburg after a six-year absence. The Congress also brings 2016, “the year of implantology training,” to an end. I am delighted that this motto, in conjunction with our broad, multidisciplinary topics and renowned speakers, attracts so many colleagues to this beautiful Hanseatic city. If you cannot attend in person, the abstracts of the posters and short lectures at our conference published in this booklet give you an impression of the current focus of implantology and in what areas the most intensive research and development is being carried out.

“Of course, quality costs something, but a lack of quality costs more.” This quote comes from the chemist Prof. Hans-Jürgen Qadbeck-Seeger. And what goes for the production of chemical products, is also true for implantology. Quality has its price in implantology, too. But, an absence of quality costs more; the trust our patients have in receiving an excellent and high-quality restoration. That is why it is so important to define those factors which make for successful implant treatment and, in turn, will assure the quality of such.

For this reason, we formed a network in Hamburg with many other disciplines surrounding the theme of implantology. This networking approach is how we go about things on a day-to-day basis. Modern implantology is a cross-sectional subject, an interface between various challenges and expertise. We will present these relationships, all of which are scientifically corroborated, at our 30th congress. The center of attention will be the factors for success in implantology. What proves to be a factor for success is determined only through scientific testing and practical experience – and by the way in which it helps us overcome our many challenges.

The success of any implant therapy is determined not only by the methods and products we apply. The specific (dental) medical conditions of our patients are at least as important – often even more so. Therefore, the close connection between implantology and other medical disciplines will play a role at this Congress, too. Because the principle “one size fits all” was never applicable to implantology. To ensure quality in the field

of implantology does not mean defining the single “best method” or the “best implant,” but finding the best method and the appropriate treatment for every individual.

Therefore, we need not only a wide range of techniques but also a safe corridor within this range in which to navigate. We want to define this corridor at our 30th Congress in Hamburg.

I am particularly pleased by the high interest in our profession by younger colleagues. They regard implants today as a viable form of restoration that many integrate from the outset into their treatment concept. This interest by the younger generation is why the DGI is such a young society; the majority of our new members belong to the 30-plus generation.

Our congress program does this justice; the DGI's young organisation Next Generation has again committed itself extensively to demonstrations at the table and their forum. Also, it is responsible for the evening's festivities. My thanks also go to our two regional associations of Northern Germany and Lower Saxony, for creating a forum.

Given the advances in the field of implantology and increasingly sophisticated surgery procedures, team training is the declared objective of the DGI and therefore always part of the conference structure. Scientists and practitioners, dentists, oral and maxillofacial surgeons, dental technicians and assistants can all find both their particular and shared fields of interest.

On behalf of the entire Executive Board, I would like to wish you all a stress-free Advent and a wonderful Christmas season.

Sincerely yours

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