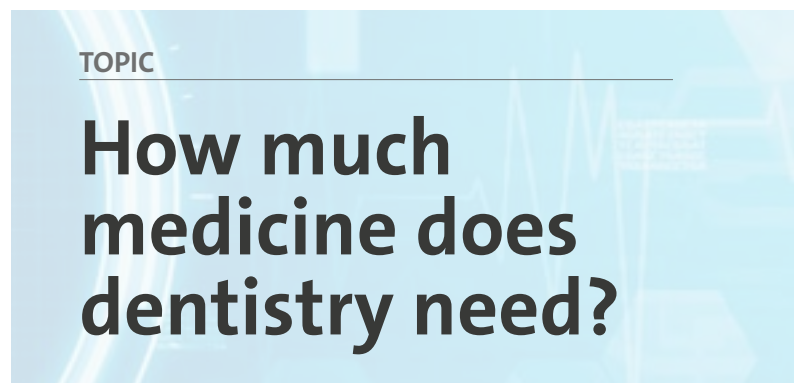


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Europe is holding its breath

Dear colleagues,

Another year of fighting Corona is coming to an end. The pandemic should actually be over by now. Just a year ago, Europe's politicians were hoping to achieve sufficient herd immunity, i.e., collective immunity to the pathogen in the population. Any chain of infection can be interrupted or slowed down by a correspondingly high vaccination rate. As we now know, herd immunity is probably no longer achievable. Various variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus hit us hard – supported by the hesitant action of politics, society and individuals. For various reasons, there are still too many unvaccinated people. Now, the fourth Corona wave has reached us. The incidence numbers are skyrocketing. The WHO is reporting that especially Europe is in the midst of a renewed Corona wave, due in part to under-vaccination rates and premature loosening. Europe accounted for 60 % of Corona infections and deaths worldwide by mid of November, according to WHO. More than 2.5 million cases of infection and nearly 30,000 deaths were recorded in Europe within a week, based on official data, said a count by the AFP news agency. Thus, the continent is the world's most severely affected region by the pandemic.

It seems like a race between hare and hedgehog. We might have won the race against the wild type of SARS-CoV-2, but not against the mutants. That is, unless there is a revolutionary new drug or an improved vaccine. The corona virus, by the way, is in good company: The influenza virus arrives in a new composition every year as well. COVID-19 will remain with us for a long time.

We dentists in Europe have not jumped the gun in the Corona pandemic – on the contrary. We work in the number one risk zone – and yet the dental practice was and is hardly in any danger: not to us, not to our team, and certainly not to our patients. We have taken the initiative and not left it to a third party. We can be proud of that.

We at the BDIZ EDI launched our information and online campaigns in March 2020 and regularly reported on the situation in Europe via EDI Journal. Online training became well established at a time when there were no or hardly any face-to-face events. To date, we have offered and conducted no less than 46 webinars and reached 12,000 participants. The EDI Macedonia European Symposium and this year's USSI EDI Congress were also held online with the support of BDIZ EDI and its partner associations.

I would like to thank you very much on behalf of the newly elected BDIZ EDI Board for your support and feedback. You have given us enormous encouragement in our work as an association. I promise you that we will continue the webinar program in 2022 and extend it to Europe – and we are already planning our face-to-face events.

I wish you a peaceful Christmas and a good start into the year 2022.

*Sincerely,
Christian Berger
President*

USSI EDI report on their international congresses 2021 from Novi Sad, Serbia

Online continuing education has proven its worth, but...

The associated partner of BDIZ EDI from Serbia, USSI EDI, traditionally organized two international congresses this year. Due to the global COVID-19 situation, both events were held online. They were sponsored by the Provincial Secretariat for Health. In a personal statement, USSI EDI Vice President Dr Zoran Marjanović summarized the highlights of the event.



The 9th International Congress of USSI EDI was held from 9 to 10 April 2021 and was broadcast online from the USSI EDI headquarters. Dr Dušan Vasiljević, President of USSI EDI was the Chairman of the Organizing Committee. The moderation on the first day was performed by Dr Vojislav Letić.

The congress was opened by Christian Berger from Kempten (Germany) with the topic: Long term success in dentistry – consensus recommendations. He is a longtime friend, winner of a special award from the Ministry of Diaspora for merits in the development of Serbian-German friendship in 2010, the president of the Bavarian Dental Chamber, and the president of the European Association of Implantologists BDIZ EDI.

From the Medical University of Warsaw, Poland, Professor Andrzej Wojtowicz, President of OSIS EDI and Head of the Department of Oral Surgery, spoke on the predictability and safety of the machined surface of hybrid implants and zygoma rescue procedures, and Dr Cornell Krasny spoke on volume preservation of allograft blocks in ridge augmentation for implants. Dr Pawel Aleksandrowicz of the Department of Periodontology, Lublin Medical University, addressed the topic of zygoma implants.

The speakers from Italy are future members of the Italian EDI and all dentists in private practice: Dr Giuseppe Gariffo from Palermo covered the topic: Post-extraction implants in aesthetic area and immediate loading – biology rules, decision tree and complications; Dr Fabio Bernardello from Lugano talked about the new perspectives in the crestal sinus lift: decision tree and hydrodynamic grafts and Dr Sergio Spinato from Sassuolo discussed the abutment height and mucosal thickness: an intriguing combination to limit peri-implant bone loss.

On the second day, the morning session was moderated by Prim. Dr Marinel Subu. The first speakers were guests from Hungary from the Faculty of Dentistry, Semmelweis University, Budapest: Dr Árpád Joób, President of the Implantology Association of Hungary – MAFIT and Head of the Dentoalveolar Surgery Clinic, with the topic: our latest knowledge on the role of the implant surface in osseointegration; and Dr György Komlós, with the topic: The effect of radiotherapy on dental implant survival.

From Slovenia came Professor Cedomir Oblak from the Department of Prosthodontics at the Medical University of Ljubljana. He presented intraoral scanning in prosthodontics. From the Netherlands, Dr Jan Willem Vaartjes, who has a private practice in Utrecht and is chairman of the Dutch Dental Association (ANT), presented Immediate Implants in Esthetic Dentistry. Dr David Alfaiate of CIRO – Centre for Education and Research, Porto, Portugal, who also has a private practice, spoke about full-arch rehabilitation on implants, from diagnosis to final restoration.

Croatia was represented by Professor Asja Celebic, from the Department of Prosthodontics from the Dental University of Zagreb. He spoke about the

Online lectures by internationally renowned speakers:
Dr Zoran Marjanovic and Christian Berger



importance of assessment and management of attached mucosa of the denture-bearing area and attachments of surrounding movable tissues for the success of implant retained overdentures. From the Department of Oral Surgery at the Clinic for Dentistry of the Clinical Center of Vojvodina Novi Sad, Serbia, Professor Sinisa Mirkovic introduced the lateral approach of the sinus lifting.

The 9th USSI EDI Congress closed with this lecture.

We have traditionally organized two congresses in a four-day sequence. Online we separated them, so the 11th International Congress of Dentists of Vojvodina was held again online on 3–4 September 2021.

Dr Zoran Marjanović, President of the Dentistry Section of DLV-SLD and Vice President of USSI EDI, opened the Congress and moderated the morning session on the first day. The afternoon session was chaired by Dr Draško Karađinović, private physician and founder of the NGO Doctors Against Corruption. The second day started with the morning session chaired by Dr Emilija Josić, Supervisory Board DLV SLD, while the afternoon session was led by Dr Teodora Marjanović, Secretary General of USSI EDI, Active of Dentistry DLV-SLD.

Invited speakers

From the Prosthetic Department of the University Hospital Belgrade, Serbia, Ass. dr sci. Aleksandra Popovac gave a lecture on the importance of the correlation of dental and cognitive status for the choice and outcome of prosthetic therapy. Two lecturers came from the Military Medical Academy in Belgrade: Doc. Dr Bojan Jovicic from the Department of Periodontology, covering the importance of tissue biology and soft tissue management in modern dentistry, and Professor Stevo Matijević from the Department of Oral Surgery who spoke about the use of proteolytic enzymes in dental practice. From Novi Sad, Professor Ksenija Bošković from the Clinical Center of Vojvodina, Department of Rehabilitation and Physical Medicine, President of the Medical Society of Vojvodina DLV-SLD, introduced the role of vitamin D in the treatment of rheumatic diseases.

Professor Asja Čelebić from the University Clinic of Zagreb, Croatia, analyzed the magnetic resonance imaging for the diagnosis of disc displacement in patients with TMD and Prof. Dr sc. Sanja Peršić Kiršić lectured on the topic: compromise solutions in dental prosthetics – why and to what extent?

From the University Clinic of Skopje, Northern Macedonia, Professor Mira Jankulovska presented preventive-restorative materials in modern pediatric dentistry and Professor Sonja Apostolska lectured on contemporary aspects of conservative reconstruction of endodontically treated teeth.



The organizing team of the 4-day congress.

From the University Clinic of East Sarajevo, Faculty from Foča, Serbian Republic Bosnia and Herzegovina, Professor Jelena Krunic introduced regenerative endodontics – where are the limits of therapy? Prof. Nikola Stojanović focused on mistakes and complications in endodontic therapy – the path to success or failure.

Coming from the Oral Surgery Department of the Belarusian Academy of Postgraduate Education in Minsk, Professor Irina Pohodenko-Chudakova unveiled a new approach to surgical treatment of chronic odontogenic maxillary sinusitis and flow prognosis. Quality of life associated with oral health of patients with dental anomalies was Professor Tamara Terehova's topic.

Dr Zoran Marjanović
Vice President USSI EDI
President Dental Section DLV-SLD ■

Personal conclusion

In addition to the invited talks, there were six poster presentations and one in-person presentation. Despite all the shortcomings, the new trend of online education has proven to be possible.

We will never forget the elation we felt at the professional symposia organized by the BDIZ EDI in Munich during the Oktoberfest and the Carnival days in Cologne. It was a feeling of coming together with colleagues through the discussion of implantology topics and the evening social gathering with joy.

Obviously, I hope that we are all optimistic in the desire that our old lifestyle will return as soon as possible! Our compassion goes to all colleagues who tragically lost their lives in the past time.

Our special thanks go to Christian Berger, Anita Wuttke and the BDIZ EDI for their continuous support in organizing the scientific conferences as well as the media presentation. The EDI Journal is certainly one of the most renowned journals in the field of implant dentistry worldwide.

Last but not least, we would like to thank our main sponsors Alessandro Ribolla, Switzerland and Damjanka Kostić.

Zoran Marjanović

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