

18th BDIZ EDI European Committee meeting in Cologne

## Round-table talks

The European Committee met in parallel with the 7th Expert Symposium at the Dorint Hotel in Cologne in February. This meeting of representatives of European partner associations once again demonstrated their intense commitment to a common path of development for oral implantologists – everywhere in Europe.



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At the 18th meeting of the BDIZ EDI European Committee in Cologne, held in conjunction with the 7th BDIZ EDI Expert Symposium, BDIZ EDI President *Christian Berger* conferred with *Professor Hakan Özyuvaci* (Istanbul), *Tim Collard* of ADI UK (London), *Professor Vitomir Konstantinovic* (Belgrade), *Dr Zoran Marjanovic* (Novi Sad), *Dr Dusan Vasiljevic* (Friedeburg), *Professor Fidel San Román* (Madrid), *Dr Peter Ehrl* (Berlin), *Dr Herbert Kubica* standing in for OSIS EDI President *Professor Andrzej Wojtowicz* (Warsaw), BDIZ EDI Managing Director *Stefan Liepe* and *Ralf Suckert* as publisher of BDIZ EDI konkret and EDI Journal.

*Dr Peter Ehrl*, who is responsible for the European Curriculum Implantology project jointly with *Dr Phil Bennett*, made some concrete suggestions related to the universities that might be involved in implementing the curriculum. These suggestions gave rise to a lively discussion, and a second step is planned to determine which of the measures discussed can become reality. As reported earlier, the objective of the European Curriculum Implantology is to establish comparable basic qualifications throughout Europe, in participating countries and beyond, based on comparable curricular content and taught by qualified experts.

The country-by-country statements included the report that the ADI UK is planning to establish a code

of conduct for working with oral implants, against the background of the French silicone breast-implant scandal. As Managing Director *Tim Collard* reported, ADI President *Professor Cemal Ucer* is working on an implant register similar to that published by BDIZ EDI. *Professor Fidel San Román* reported from Spain that his country lacked specialization opportunities for oral implantologists other than those offered by the dental industry. October will see the beginning of the process aimed at remedying the situation. *Román* also reminded his peers of the joint congress of SEI and BDIZ EDI in Valencia on 26 May, inviting prospective attendees to register for the multi-day congress at [www.sei2012.com](http://www.sei2012.com). Novi Sad will see another International Congress of USSI EDI in June 2012. Several members of the European Committee will be participating as speakers. Reporting from Turkey, *Professor Hakan Özyuvaci* reported disagreements between academia and private practices. *Ralf Suckert* added a reminder that partner associations should nominate authors presenting their case reports in EDI Journal.

*Christian Berger* invited everyone to attend the next meeting of the European Committee, held concurrently with the 16th Symposium of BDIZ EDI in Munich in October.