

14th BDIZ EDI European Committee meeting in Cologne

European Curriculum under Development

European issues play an important role in the day-to-day work of BDIZ EDI. That the partner associations are keenly interested in this work is underscored by their regular attendance at the BDIZ EDI European Committee meetings. The topic in Cologne last February was the common European curriculum.

Participants this year included *Prof Hakan Özyuvaci* (Istanbul) for Turkey, *Dr Philip Bennett* (Lyme Regis) for our British partner association ADI, *Prof Andrzej Wojtowicz* (Warsaw) and *Dr Christoph Sliwowski* for our Polish partner association OSIS EDI, *Prof Vitomir Konstantinovic* (Belgrade), *Dr Zoran Marjanovic* (Novi Sad) and *Dr Dusan Vasiljevic* for our Serbia-Montenegro partner association, *Prof Bernhard Broos* (Villach), who represented Austrian implantologists, and *Dr Peter A. Ehrl* (Berlin), who organizes the Greek-German Curriculum for BDIZ EDI. On the part of BDIZ EDI itself, participants included *Christian Berger*, *Dr Detlef Hildebrand*, *Dr Jörg Neugebauer* and *Dr Dirk Duddeck*, *Anita Wuttke*, *Dr Thomas Ratajczak* as secretary and *Dr Stefan Liepe*. *Ralf* and *Angelika Suckert* were present in the capacity of publishers for BDIZ EDI konkret and EDI Journal.

Qualification and comparability

The most important point on the agenda was the European curriculum that the partner associations want to join forces to initiate. The meeting discussed suggestions by *Dr Ehrl* and *Dr Neugebauer* (who is the organizer of the BDIZ EDI Curriculum Implantology). *Dr Neugebauer* pointed out that even within Germany there is a number of different curricula with considerable variation with respect to the quality of the syllabus. The BDIZ EDI curriculum is considered to be particularly highly developed. BDIZ EDI President *Christian Berger* thanked both speakers and pointed out the importance of reaching comparable standards for the curriculum throughout all the different countries. Each of the partner organizations is now tasked to evaluate, on a national level, what additional modules could be helpful to ensure comparable entry skills and qualifications throughout Europe. The committee members then discussed the current status of curriculum development, which differs considerably across different countries. The committee agreed that qualified pre-

senters and a comparable syllabus both within participating countries and on a European level are a prerequisite for creating a European curriculum.

Individual countries

Dr Phil Bennett outlined the new e-learning program that the British ADI had initiated, teaching implantological basics to prospective implant dentists. *Prof Andrzej Wojtowicz* announced an international two-day symposium of Polish oral and maxillofacial surgeons in May and a broad-based multi-country Eastern European symposium in 2011. *Prof Vitomir Konstantinovic* reported on developments in oral implantology in Serbia. The Serbian association of oral and maxillofacial surgeons will be holding a major symposium in Belgrade in the autumn of 2010. *Konstantinovic* asked for BDIZ EDI support in the shape of the delegation of qualified speakers. He also suggested organizing major multicenter studies using uniform study protocols throughout Europe.

Toward the end of the meeting, *Ralf Suckert* gave an overview of e-learning and e-journals at teamwork media – not least with iPads in mind, which are expected to become very popular in the near future.

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The outlines of the European curriculum are beginning to take shape. Representatives of seven countries engaged in highly constructive discussions.