

professional qualifications, with direct consequences for mobility. We should remember that quite a few physicians and dentists have participated in a “service exchange” with the UK on weekends, for a few weeks or even more permanently. These exchanges may now become subject to new and additional requirements.

The pooling of research resources and the technology-driven supplier markets are fields where effects of trade restrictions may make themselves felt in the long term.

Some representatives of the regulated liberal professions hope that a discontinuation of the British vote in favour of economic liberalism might

strengthen the built-in pro-regulatory instincts in Brussels. But one should not hope for too much in this respect. Those who most clearly embody the aspirations of the EU administration do not and did not come from the UK, but from Germany. *Honi soit qui mal y pense.*

Staying on top of Brexit developments remains a challenge for all stakeholders in Brussels, not least to make sure that with all the coming shifts in influence and power, the German liberal professions and their rules are, and should remain, a model for success and a stabilizing element of European civil society.

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## 5th USSI EDI International Congress and 7th Congress of Dentists of Vojvodina

# Implant dentistry plays a big role in the Balkans

The 5th International USSI EDI Congress and the 7th Congress of Dentists of Vojvodina were held in mid-May in the modern NIS Centre in Novi Sad, Serbia. The joint congress is traditionally held under the patronage of the Province of Vojvodina and – from the first congress on – supported by the European Association of Dental Implantologists (BDIZ EDI). Participants included physicians, dentists, dental assistants and dental technicians.

The core of the 5th USSI EDI congress with more than 700 participants was a very comprehensive scientific with renowned speakers, consisting of workshops and poster presentations. According to the 11th European Consensus Conference under the auspices of BDIZ EDI in Cologne, Germany, in 2016, the topic focused on short, angulated and reduced-diameter implants.

For the fifth time, BDIZ EDI President *Christian Berger* took an active part in the congress, introducing to the audience the new guideline of the European Consensus Conference of BDIZ EDI on short, angulated and reduced-diameter implants. *Berger*,

who has been President of the Bavarian Dental Association since 2014, gave strong support in developing the Serbian implant dentistry. He plays an active role in implementing ideas and goals for postgraduate education in the discipline of implant dentistry.

With the implementation of the European Curriculum for Implantology in the field of general dentistry, the USSI EDI announced that it had achieved its most important goal. Of equally great importance to the associated partner of BDIZ EDI is the harmonisation of the legislation pertaining to oral implantology with EU standards. >>



Dedicated participants of the 5th USSI EDI International Congress and 7th Congress of Dentists of Vojvodina (left to right): Dr Dušan Vasiljević, Dr Nina Parabućski, Prim Dr Marinel Subu, Professor Rolf Ewers, Christian Berger, Dr Branislav Čukić, Eckhard Maedel, Dr Zoran Marjanović and Dr Branislav Stefanović.

The first day of the congress was a “Bicon Day”, featuring Bicon’s first presentation of their system in Serbia by *Dr Vincent J. Morgan* and *Dr Laura Murcko* (Massachusetts, USA). *Dr Morgan* was responsible for developing many of the restorative options of this implant system. The techniques he presented included immediate placement, extra-oral cementation of implant crowns and integrated abutment crowns.

*Professor Irina Pohodenko-Chudakova* (Belarus) and *Lina Gassner Kanters* (Sweden) gave insightful lectures on preventive care and interdental cleaning of implants.

For the second day of the congress, *Dr Branislav Čukić* (Serbia) had organized two live operations at the nearby Oral B Clinic: the insertion of Bicon implants in the posterior mandible. *Professor Rolf Ewers* (Austria) gave a lecture at the corresponding workshop, assisted by *Eckhard Maedel*.

The so-called EDI Lectures in the main programme included the following presentations: *Christian Berger*, President of BDIZ EDI, reported on the findings of the European Consensus Conference on short, angulated and reduced-diameter implants. *Dr Branislav Kardašević* (Serbia) spoke on the surgical-prosthetic solutions for attrition. USSI EDI President *Dr Dušan Vasiljević* (Germany) discussed special cases in implantology. USSI EDI Vice President *Dr Zoran Marjanović* (Serbia) addressed fast fixed solutions

in the atrophic edentulous maxilla. *Professor Irina Phodenko-Chudakova* spoke about the development in handling complications in dental implantology. *Lina Gassner Kanters* introduced TePe products.

The traditional 7th Congress of the Dentists of Vojvodina organized by the Dental Section of the Society of Physicians of Vojvodina and the Serbian Medical Society was held once again under the patronage of the Government of Vojvodina and their Provincial Secretariat for Health Social Policy and Demography. The two-day congress attracted 900 attendees. The gold sponsor of the congress was Bicon Dental Implants with its Bicon implant system, promoted in Serbia for the first time by Unique Dental Company and its director *Miodrag Savić*.

The congress featured 30 speakers from Bosnia, Serbia, Macedonia, Croatia, Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, USA, Sweden, Austria and Germany.

With the 5th USSI EDI International Congress and the 7th Congress of Dentists of Vojvodina, the city of Novi Sad hosted the two largest international events throughout the year – organised by USSI EDI Vice President *Dr Zoran Marjanović*. “I am very proud that our participants leave with a smile on their face because of our eminent programme and the warm hospitality offered to the guests”, he said.

*Dr Zoran Marjanović, Vice President USSI EDI* ■