On 12 and 13 May 2017, the 10th Arab German Congress of Dental Implantology took place in Morocco while, simultaneously, the 1st German Maghreb Countries Meeting of Dental Implantology was inaugurated. The foundation for the congress had been laid in the previous year with an agreement between DGZI and Universiapolis, Université Internationale d’Agadir. Dr Ali Elmalih, DGZI representative for the Maghreb states, organised the event in cooperation with the private University in Agadir.

Almost 150 participants and speakers from countries such as Germany, Morocco, Jordan, Qatar, Libya, Sudan and Ireland, travelled to Agadir to attend the event. The programme of the two-day congress was designed by 18 German speakers from the Maghreb countries. At the opening ceremony, congress president Dr Mazen Tamimi and scientific manager Dr Rolf Vollmer, 1st Vice President and Treasurer of the DGZI, both emphasised the importance of international contacts and exchange. Special thanks went to Dr Aziz Bouslikhane, President of the university, and Dr Ilias Majdouline, Vice President, for enabling the event to take place at the university.

Dr Vollmer went on to explain the global importance of dental implantology, pointing out that all participants could benefit, particularly from the exchange of experiences. Furthermore, he referred to the importance of international friendships which evolve from congresses like these and help to strengthen the global community. International cooperation partners from countries such as the United States of America, Japan, the Middle East, Brazil, Australia and Africa, confirmed Dr Vollmer’s statement. Another important point made by Dr Vollmer referred to the DGZI Postgraduate Programmes and the importance to open up participation in order for other countries to equally profit from the shared expertise. Those programmes have been proven successful for more than 15 years and are an essential part of dental education in Germany. While sitting in the auditorium next to someone who is pursuing his profession somewhere else in the world under different conditions, and utilising different methods, provides a unique...
opportunity to widen one’s own knowledge and gain another perspective on this specialist field, Dr Vollmer said.

The scientific programme was complemented by two workshops held by Dr Mazen Tamimi as well as Dr Arzu Tuna and Dr Umut Baysal. Dr Tamimi provided his workshop for implantswiss®, while Dr Tuna and Dr Baysal were sponsored by MIS Implants®. Fully booked with more than 45 participants, those practical sections of the congress were met with great interest. Dr Tuna and Dr Baysal addressed a variety of interesting questions in detail and provided a great deal of practical advice to the highly engaged workshop participants.

The lectures, however, dealt with more general medical aspects such as patient guidance, risk of bleeding, diabetes and implant surgical techniques, e.g. sinus lift, treatment in the atrophic jaw as well as aesthetical and minimally-invasive treatments.

In addition, keynote speaker Michael Anger introduced on day two of the congress the use of new and innovative materials in dental technology, hence covering the technical field of dental prosthetic. Keynote speaker of the first day was oral surgeon Dr Dr Manfred Nilius, M.Sc. who skilfully illustrated digitalisation in dental implantology and cosmetic surgery. Concluding his presentation, Dr Dr Nilius pointed out that “without a perfect coordination between the different specialties and fields of expertise, an excellent result can never be achieved”. Dr Vollmer agreed with the statement, poignantly adding: “You always get what you plan.”

Also from Germany, members of the New Generation study group, amongst them Dr Navid Salehi, Dr Rabi Omari, Dr Christopher Stüber, Dr Rainer Valentin and Dr Martina Vollmer, had been travelling to Agadir to participate in the event. The first successful day ended with a get-together and a speakers’ dinner.

After the scientific programme came to a close on the second congress day, participants were invited to a gala evening at Domaine Villate Limoune. The beautiful farm offered a festive setting for the evening’s gala dinner and the presentation of certificates. At the evening event, Dr Rolf Vollmer once again thanked the President and the Vice President of Universiapolis for the excellent organisation provided by all involved. Thanks also went to DGZI representative Dr Ali Elmalih, who had once himself successfully participated at one of the DGZI post-graduate programmes.

A second German Maghreb Countries Meeting of Dental Implantology is intended to be held on 30 and 31 March 2018._

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**Fig. 1:** Participants of the 10th Arab German Congress of Dental Implantology.
**Fig. 2:** DGZI board Dr Rainer Valentin and Dr Rolf Vollmer.
**Fig. 3:** Dr Umut Baysal and…
**Fig. 4:** …Dr Arzu Tuna, both members of the extended DGZI board and DGZI New Generation study group.

**About the society**

**Fig. 5:** Dr Navid Salehi (right) and dental technician Michael Anger (second from right) were also speakers in Agadir.
Joint meeting of the EAO and SEPES

From 5 to 7 October 2017 the European Association for Osseointegration (EAO) will be hosting its 26th annual scientific meeting. This year, participants are invited to Madrid, Spain, where, in addition, the Spanish Society of Prostodontic and Aesthetic Dentistry (SEPES) will meet for its 47th Congreso Annual. In a joint congress, both EAO and SEPES will bring together an international and highly specialised audience for three days of extraordinary scientific and collegial exchange.

Furthermore, the EAO and the Spanish Society of Periodontology and Osseointegration (SEPA) have joined forces to organise the fifth SEPA European Symposium under the aegis of the EAO-SEPES joint meeting. The SEPA Symposium will take place on Saturday, 7 October, and will run dedicated sessions throughout the day.

For the three-day congress the scientific committees of the EAO, SEPES and SEPA have prepared an exciting programme covering several topics which will focus on the question: “Twenty-five years of Implant Dentistry. What have we learned?” The congress programme will feature world-renowned speakers, interactive elements which will engage the audience, and new and innovative formats such as surgical video sessions.
Exciting programme

On Thursday, the congress will open with a plenary session giving an overview on protocols of implant placement procedures from standard to advanced. In the subsequent diagnosis session, aesthetic diagnosis as a keystone of treatment planning in implant dentistry will be discussed. The plenary main sessions during the following two days including a series of interactive debates will further focus on the evolution of implant prosthetics, diagnosis and treatment planning in implant dentistry in light of the prevalence of peri-implant diseases.

In the arena sessions, key topics will be explored in which 25 years of implantology are analysed to answer the question “How far have we come?”. Amongst others, the evolution of bone regenerative protocols in implant dentistry will be illustrated, insights into surgical approaches to the treatment of peri-implantitis will be given and alternatives to titanium as an implant material and custom-made implants will be discussed. Further questions posed will concern the limitations of immediate implant placement and immediate restoration and the treatment of patients with hopeless implants.

A highlight of this year’s congress will be the interactive surgical video sessions featuring in-depth discussions of videos showing surgical cases. In these video sessions, participants can experience the treatment of the anterior maxilla with deficient availability of bone, the treatment of peri-implant soft tissue deficiencies in the anterior maxilla and learn about biological and clinical keys for periodontal, bone and peri-implant regeneration.

Exchange new research results

In addition to the lectures, researchers and clinicians are encouraged to present, discuss and exchange new research results within the field of implant therapy and related disciplines via submission of scientific abstracts. During the numerous oral communication sessions starting on Thursday, delegates can attend short oral presentations held by authors whose abstracts were rated highest by the Abstract Committee.

Prosthodontics and aesthetic international journey sessions will focus amongst others on the role of provisional restorations in aesthetic implant-supported prosthetic rehabilitations and the combination of dental implants and orthodontic therapy in the functional rehabilitation of partially edentulous patients. Another session will discuss the question of how to avoid nightmares when restoring the edentulous upper jaw. Further sessions for clinicians and technicians will focus on materials of choice for anterior restorations and the widely discussed question of analogue vs digital.

The scientific programme is rounded off by hands-on sessions organised by industry partners promoting new techniques and offering high-level practical training under the guidance of renowned experts. In these industry symposia, visitors can learn more about key subjects of various industry partners featuring new research and innovation.

Invited region is Latin America

Since its inception in the late 1980s, the EAO has been a forum for European researchers and clinicians. In recent years, increasing numbers of members from non-European countries have joined—from South/Central America, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and Asia. As a mark of recognition and appreciation of this development, and because both SEPES and SEPA have members from this region, the EAO has chosen to welcome Latin America as a guest region during the joint meeting. Delegates from Latin America are offered registration fees at discounted rates which are normally reserved for members only.

In addition, a section of the exhibition area will be dedicated to a “Latin American Corner” where regional associations can showcase their activities. Cultural events will also be organised to encourage exchange and networking between delegates from different countries.

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