“Getting to know current practical and, more importantly, practicable ways of long-term success in implantology, that’s what this year’s international annual DGZI Congress is about”, Dr Georg Bach, chair of the board of DGZI (German Society for Dental Implantology) summarizes the congress’ motto ‘Quality-oriented implantology—ways to long-term success.’ “Just like in the previous years, we expect up to 500 participants from more than ten countries worldwide”, he adds.

To fulfill its motto, DGZI, Europe’s oldest scientific society for implantology, has assembled an extensive program for dentists and their practice team on 5 and 6 October in Hamburg.

“We have been able to acquire renowned international speakers, covering topics such as soft-tissue and bone management and digital implantology by means of concepts from implant prosthetics”, Dr Roland Hille (Viersen, Germany), vice president of DGZI and scientific coordinator of the congress, informs. “Exchange of information with colleagues and practical advice are of particular importance to the DGZI”, he continues.

Participants of previous congresses already know that international speakers inspire the audience with their detailed knowledge on the first congress day. They are also ready to answer any questions posed by their audience. The organisers also offer simultaneous translation during the international panel discussion. The second congress day is going to be equally exiting when Prof Dr Adnrea Mombelli (Geneve University, Switzerland), Prof Dr Anton Sculean (Bern University, Switzerland) and Prof Dr Herbert Deppe (Munich University, Germany) face questions during the special podium and debate on Saturday.

“With periimplantitis, we focus on one of the most significant topics with regard to the long-term success of dental implants”, Dr Hille is convinced. Furthermore,
early birds will be rewarded if they arrive at the Hanseatic city already on Friday morning, since this is the time when "combined theoretical and demonstrational courses will be held and various topics are discussed. Moreover, we recommend visiting the dental trade fair, which presents more than 80 exhibitors, to gain direct information on products and their application or participate in one of the ten company workshops offered".

Lecturer Dr Gregor Petersilka (Würzburg, Germany) will present the state of the art of diagnosis, prognosis as well as surgical and non-surgical periodontitis therapy for implantological assistants in his compact seminar “Practical Periodontology” on Friday morning. “By noon, the practice team will have problems to decide which panel to attend”, Dr Hille comments.

While the „Mainpodium“ is held to discuss expert information for qualified dental employees (prophylaxis, caries, mucosa change, oral cancer prevention, periimplantitis, among others), the GOZ seminar presents the “most important changes in the GOZ (German Scale of Fees for Dentists) paragraphs, the handling of new forms and the realization of GOZ-factors including the relevant explanation”, Dr Hille explains.

Saturday will be dedicated to a seminar on the profession of sanitation commissioner as well as a seminar about the “Vocational training as a quality management official”. A multiple choice test will be held to measure the success in learning.

For more information, please download the programme as well as the registration form via www.DGZI.de. “DGZI also welcomes attendees on short notice who can register for the DGZI Annual Congress directly at Elysee Hotel Hamburg”, Dr Bach adds.