

Pool Your Strengths!

Following this motto, the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Zahnerhaltung (DGZ; German Society for Conservative Dentistry) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Endodontie (DGEndo; German Society for Endodontics) have launched a new chapter in the history of Endodontology and Conservative Dentistry in Germany.

For two years the boards have increased their contact and held joint conferences. This was the beginning of a productive and, most of all, trustful co-operation.

The greatest restructuring occurred within the DGZ (German Society for Conservative Dentistry). This has become the 'parent' organisation for all Dental Conservation specialist societies:

- Restorative Dentistry
- Endodontology & Dental Traumatology
- Preventative Dental Medicine

The respective strengths of the individual societies can now be pooled and jointly represent the field of Dental Conservation.

Endodontology will be represented within DGZ by the newly named 'Deutsche Gesellschaft für Endodontologie und zahnärztliche Traumatologie' (DGET). All previous activities of DGEndo will be continued by the existing board and previous activities of the Arbeitsgemeinschaft für Endodontologie und Traumatologie (AGET; Work Group for Endodontology and Traumatology /DGZ) will be incorporated within DGET.

The goals of the revised structures are:

- Uniform representation of Endodontology in Germany;
- Joint representation also in relation to and together with the professional and industrial politicians;
- Common criteria for the specialist in Endodontology;
- Uniform representation at the European level (ESE);
- Intensive close collaboration between universities and dental practice;
- Use of joint resources for conferences, curricula, training events, etc;
- Avoidance of competing events;
- Joint preparation of scientific papers.

The framework has now been established - but there is a lot of work still to be done. We hope in this respect to receive the encouragement and the support of everyone, and are sure that we will achieve even more together in the future!