

Short Bio Kerstin Galler

Kerstin Galler obtained her degree in dentistry from the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich in 2000. She worked in Private Practice until 2002 and then joined the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Periodontology at University Hospital Regensburg, Germany. She received post-doctoral training at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston from 2004 to 2006 funded by the German Academic Exchange Service and earned her Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering from Rice University in Houston in 2009 on Self-Assembling Peptides as Functionalized Scaffolds for Dental Pulp Tissue Engineering. After her return to Regensburg, she completed her “Habilitation” and built her own research group as an Associated Professor in Endodontology to work on pulp biology and immune responses, on the clinical procedure of revitalization, and on dental pulp stem cells, tunable scaffolds and the use of dentine matrix proteins for dental pulp tissue engineering. From 2011 to 2012 she also held a part time position as a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Oslo in the Institute of Oral Biology. From 2015 to 2021, she was Deputy Head and Section Leader of Endodontology and Dental Traumatology at the Department of Conservative Dentistry and Periodontology at Regensburg University Hospital. She has been teaching and supervising dental students for many years; her clinical focus is on conservative dentistry, endodontology and dental traumatology. Dr. Galler is Director and Chair of the Department of Restorative Dentistry and Periodontology at the University Hospital Erlangen in Germany.

Dr. Galler was President of the Pulp Biology and Regeneration Group of IADR in 2013/14 and has served as an IADR officer for many years. She is currently Chair of the Research Committee of the European Society of Endodontology (ESE) and member of the Board of the German Society of Endodontology and Dental Traumatology (DGET). She has led the committee for the ESE Position Statement on Revitalization and is currently a work group leader for the S3-level guideline in Endodontology on the treatment of pulpitis and apical periodontitis. She has published numerous articles in the fields of pulp biology and dental pulp tissue engineering, has received several awards for her scientific work, has won funding from The German Research Foundation, from scientific societies and industry and has lectured nationally and internationally in clinical as well as scientific meetings. Dr. Galler earned the IADR Distinguished Scientist Award for the Pulp Biology and Regeneration Group in June 2022.