Dear Reader,

Welcome to this year’s first issue of CAD/CAM magazine! The year 2015 was very successful for us and I would like to thank our readers, authors, guest editors and supporting companies for their involvement and collaboration.

With increased media coverage on smile makeovers and dental cosmetic treatment, clinicians are often faced with the need to follow and combine CAD/CAM technology, smile design and implant restorations in their daily practice.

High-end procedures demand perfection, and perfection in dental restorations cannot be achieved without unstinted dedication, commitment and passion. For success in this field, one should try to keep abreast with the newest trends and continue to enhance knowledge of treatment options, in terms of principles, procedures, materials, and the latest techniques.

In this issue of the CAD/CAM magazine, you will find well-documented articles on diagnosis and treatment planning for implant dentistry, guided implant surgery, smile design software and CAD/CAM-supported aesthetic restorations, as well as new product information and events previews.

Dr Anthony Ramirez describes his experience with 3-D imaging, and Dr Christian Mertens explains principles of backward planning and digital workflow using SIMPLANT. Aki Lindén, a dental technician from Finland, presents an example of utilising smile design software and CAD/CAM for creating a mock-up and final restorations, and, in a very convincing interview, Matthew Roberts encourages dentists and dental technicians to explore the digital environment.

I hope you will enjoy reading our first issue of 2016!

Yours faithfully,

Magda Wojtkiewicz
Managing Editor