It is undisputable that modern dental treatment procedures will increasingly become digitalised. The advantages this development offers to dental practices, laboratories and patients are convincing and supported by recent research results. Today, tooth restorations and replacements are being manufactured faster, more safely and with more precision than ever before.

Their affordability and long-term clinical results will determine whether these technologies will become standard in dental practices and laboratories. I personally see clear potential here, as investing in new technology could attract orders previously met by companies in China and Eastern Europe.

However, the technology alone does not automatically make better dentists or laboratory technicians. New machines and technology are only as good as the person operating it. Therefore, it is the aim of CAD/CAM international magazine of digital dentistry to provide comprehensive knowledge and information regarding the latest technology that can profitably be integrated into treatment concepts. It shall also serve as a platform for sharing experiences of products and treatment procedures with colleagues across the globe.

The range of topics covered in the magazine includes CAD/CAM, digital imaging, rapid prototyping, virtual articulation, dental materials, impressioning, radiography, software processing, and innovations in digital dentistry. The content is a combination of scientific articles, case reports, industry reports, reviews (meetings, products, etc.), news, practice management articles, and lifestyle articles.

I hope you will enjoy this inaugural issue of CAD/CAM, and invite you to send us your first impressions, as well as suggestions and questions.

Yours sincerely,

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