At IDS 2009, we had already caught a glimpse of how dentistry would be changing in the future. This year’s show affirmed what many were expecting: the digitisation of dentistry is in full swing or, as Daniel Wismeijer, Professor of Oral Implantology and Prosthetic Dentistry at the Academic Centre for Dentistry in Amsterdam, put it: “Digital dentistry is like a bullet train coming at us and its impact will be significant.”

These developments are leading to substantial changes, affecting how dentists and dental technicians will carry out their profession in the future. It seems safe to say that intra-oral scanners, for example, are going to replace traditional impression-taking methods completely. With this scanning technology, patient data is gathered more comfortably and precisely, easily, faster and, as a result, at a lower cost. Diagnosis and treatment planning are now possible in 3-D, suggesting the real possibility of a virtual patient.

Since its launch in 2010, CAD/CAM has been committed to accompanying these developments by informing its readers about the latest treatment concepts and technologies and how these can be integrated into today’s treatment concepts for the benefit of everyone involved—the patients and the dental professionals. It is absolutely essential that dentists and dental technicians become acquainted with these new technologies, and CAD/CAM thus strives to serve as a platform for information exchange.

In order for the magazine to achieve its full potential, we need your input and encourage you to participate in this exchange. Please feel welcome to submit scientific articles, case reports, industry reports, reviews (meetings, products, etc.) and news for publication.

We appreciate your feedback greatly and are eager to engage with you about your views on digital dentistry.

Best wishes,

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