Dear Reader,

It is a great honour and distinct pleasure to present the third 2013 issue of CAD/CAM to you! 2013 is a memorable year for dentistry. The 35th International Dental Show in Cologne in Germany will be remembered for the significant number of companies exhibiting upgrades and introducing new products in the field of CAD/CAM and digital dentistry. Countless booths with eye-catching designs and product displays demonstrated the latest trends and technological developments, including CAD/CAM chairside/in the laboratory, computer-guided implantology, 3-D dental imaging, CAD/CAM materials, computerised orthodontics, digital impressions, software, management and education. IDS established that digital dentistry is no longer the future; it is already the present.

In this issue of CAD/CAM, you will find beautifully illustrated and well documented articles that report on CAD/CAM restorations, CAD/CAM lingual orthodontic system and implantology.

I am pleased to announce that the CAD/CAM is the official publication of the second Asia Pacific CAD/CAM and Digital Dentistry International Conference, organized by CAPP Asia, which will take place in Singapore on 4 and 5 October 2013. The event is already becoming a major platform for shaping the future of digital dentistry in the Asia Pacific region. It will attract the crème de la crème of opinion leaders in dentistry, who will be sharing their knowledge and experience with the world's dental elite. The objectives of the main scientific session and the dental technicians' parallel session will be to exchange valuable knowledge, to help cultivate a spirit of collaboration in the dental team, and to enable networking. These sessions are expected to spark heated discussions on the latest methods and techniques and on how to improve them, thus paving the way forward in dentistry. The exhibition will provide hands-on access to the latest digital dentistry systems. The event will facilitate direct interaction with the leading dental manufacturers, discussions on the scientific relevance of their products, and gathering of useful feedback from current and prospective users. It is from this valuable feedback that the companies taking part in the event will be able to develop their 3-D technologies further, with a view to best meeting the needs of the dental team.

We are proud to welcome to this year’s conference in Singapore some of the most exciting names in digital dentistry, who will be presenting papers during the conference: Dr Lutz Ritter, Germany; Dr Andreas Bindl, Switzerland; Dr Eduardo Mahn, Chile; Prof. Tae Weon Kim, South Korea; Morten Ryde, DT, Denmark; Joachim Maier, MDT, Germany; Dr Bernd van der Heyd, MDT, Germany; Werner Gotsch, MDT, Germany; Dr Chanchai Kingawattanagul, Thailand; Dr Simon Kold, Denmark; Dr Khaled Abouseada, Egypt; and Dr Kurt Dawirs, Germany. A parallel session targeted at dental technicians will be held on the second day of the conference, with presentations by Rik Jacobs, the Netherlands; Carsten Kelm, Germany; Ike Intoratat, Thailand; Barış Çakır, Germany; Christopher Adamus, DT, Poland; Simon Docker, UK; and Ralf Oppacher, MDT, Germany.

In December 2012, CAPP joined the elite group of international continuing medical education providers who are accredited by the American Dental Association. Hence, delegates attending can expect to enjoy cutting-edge presentations in the dental field and to benefit from top-quality scientific discussions.

The conference exhibition will be honoured by the presence of the leading dental manufacturers, including Sirona, Ivoclar Vivadent, 3Shape, DeguDent, AmannGirrbach, Wieland Dental, Roland DG, Dentegris and eCligner, all of which will be showcasing their latest masterpieces. There will also be other important industry players at the conference. We look forward to welcoming you to the vibrant city of Singapore.

Yours faithfully,

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