Established in 1956 in Takanezawa (north of Tokyo), Japan, by Founder Masao Matsutani, MANI is a manufacturer and supplier of medical instruments to over 120 countries worldwide. The company is very proud of its long history of research, innovation, and manufacturing quality. Its singular goal is “Contributing to people’s happiness in the world through developing, manufacturing, and delivering the product that can help doctors and patients”. In addition, the company strives to improve the quality of people’s lives by providing “The Best Quality in the World, to the World”. More than a slogan, this is MANI’s passion at every level.

MANI has a storied history. Highlights among many innovations since the company began include producing the world’s first “18-8” stainless steel surgical needle in 1961. In 1991, MANI introduced the world’s smallest drilled eyeless needle (27µm) for trial and developed a skin stapler for medical use in the same year. In 2013, MANI developed state-of-the-art metal skeletons for stent grafts. To date, the company holds 310 patents (including 221 non-Japanese patents) and has 148 patents pending (including 126 non-Japanese patents). MANI meets and exceeds the highest manufacturing and quality assurance standards and is ISO 13485, and MDD 93/42/EEC (CE Marking—EC Medical Device) certified, among other certifications.

A truly global company, the surgical, ophthalmic, eyeless (needles), and dental divisions of MANI have consolidated subsidiaries in Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, the People’s Republic of China and Germany. MANI has been traded on the First Section of the Tokyo Stock Exchange since 2012. MANI dental products are sold and represented worldwide through a group of carefully chosen dealers selected for their clinical and product knowledge.

And finally, the MANI team is a company made up of individuals dedicated to a common goal: helping to improve the quality of people’s lives globally. Regardless of the country in which they work, MANI employees are selected for their honesty, manual dexterity, and desire for continuous improvement. Such crucial personal qualities ensure that both MANI’s labour and product quality are of the highest standard.

Given the company’s proud history and constant effort to improve our products, MANI can truly and humbly say from its hands to yours, “The Best Quality in the World, to the World”.

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VDW celebrates its 150th anniversary

VDW celebrates its 150th birthday and looks back on one and a half centuries of expertise in developing innovative products for root canal treatment. Since its founding in 1869, the company has grown into one of the leading brands in this field. With passion for endodontics, VDW is dedicated to offering comprehensive endodontic care and improving tooth preservation globally.

Founded in Munich in 1869, VDW was a pioneer in laying the foundations of root canal therapy. An important milestone was marked in 1972 when the three German companies—ANTÆOS, BEUTELROCK and ZIPPERER—merged to Vereinigte Dentalwerke, abbreviated as VDW.

A quick expansion of its global market position and pioneering product innovations paved the way for further growth—the company became one of the leading endodontic brands worldwide.

Today, the VDW headquarters and high-tech production facilities are still based in Munich and are delivering over 200 products to more than 80 countries worldwide. VDW provides an Endo-System throughout all treatment steps with products and services linked to one another, enabling dentists to benefit even more from VDW’s profound endodontic expertise.

“For 150 years now, we have been setting standards for modern endodontics with our dedication to quality, precision and innovation”, says Sonja Corinna Ludwig, Director Global Sales and General Manager. “We stand for Endo Easy Efficient and I am convinced that this commitment will lead the company into a successful future.”

With the motto “Join our ride”, VDW invites all partners, employees and customers to celebrate its 150th birthday at IDS 2019 at Booth B050 in Hall 10.1.

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Meet Meta Biomed at IDS 2019

Since its establishment in 1990, Korean medical technology company Meta Biomed has been recognised as a leading innovator in endodontics and restorative dentistry. After establishing its European headquarters in Mülheim, Germany, in 2016, the company has become a formidable force on the continent and has continued to grow. The 2019 International Dental Show (IDS), to be held in Cologne, Germany, from 12 to 16 March, will see the company launch a range of new endodontic and restorative dentistry products, specially designed with the dental professional in mind.

A focus on innovation

Meta Biomed is known for its emphasis on research and development, which has led to its highly innovative and quality products being available at reasonable prices. Its portfolio of endodontic products is said to grow with a never-seen-before diagnostic device that will premiere at IDS 2019, along with numerous new products. In addition, customers looking for a bioceramic root canal sealer are promised to find their needs met in the near future.

An enhanced restorative portfolio

Essentially, endodontics and restorative dentistry share the common goal of saving the natural tooth. With the expansion of Meta Biomed’s endodontic line, it makes sense that the company’s range of restorative dentistry solutions will expand thanks to the launch of an entirely new product portfolio that aims to meet this goal. At IDS 2019, the company will introduce three new products that are intended for the global market and are currently undergoing intense testing. By doing so, the company is increasing its efforts to gain a stronger foothold in the large restorative dentistry market.

Education: A key success factor

The speed at which dental technology advances is faster than ever before, which is why Meta Biomed will be offering a variety of educational programmes before and around IDS 2019. For example, it will have several slots at the show’s popular Speakers Corner—the presentation area in Passage 4/5 of Koelnmesse. In addition, experts from all over the world will be conducting product demonstrations at the company’s booth at the show, allowing attendees to see how these products can be integrated into their own dental practices.

Connect with Meta Biomed at IDS 2019

Although the company has branches and sales representatives in Korea, Europe, China, Japan, Vietnam and the United States; Meta Biomed is looking to expand its global network of dental distributors. To find out more about how you can collaborate with this pioneer in the dental industry, contact them at www.meta-biomed.com.

Meta Biomed will be exhibiting at IDS 2019 and welcomes all attendees to visit them at Booth B060 in Hall 11.1 to experience their high-performing products first-hand or to talk to a friendly company representative.

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Kohler Medizintechnik of Stockach in Germany has introduced updated and enhanced versions of the Lee MTA Pellet Forming Block and Lee MTA Carver. Although the Lee MTA Block has been available in the dental marketplace for several years, the Kohler version has several improvements. Following the recommendations of a number of European endodontists, Kohler has added two larger grooves (1.2 mm) to the block to allow for the dispensing of a larger volume of MTA. Also, each of the grooves now has laser-marked measurements (0.6 mm, 0.8 mm, 1.0 mm and 1.2 mm). This makes the block much easier to read and use.

The new ENDOBLACK Lee MTA Carver is much more ergonomic than any version from other companies. It has a larger, more lightweight black PEEK handle (weighing only 12 g). It also has the Kohler ENDOBLACK surface to provide for better visibility during use, as well as greatly reduced reflected light during procedures.

Combined, these two products are superior to older syringe or carrier devices, which have problems with too-large cannula sizes, excessive quantities of MTA being delivered, difficulty in delivery of MTA to some areas of the mouth, and clogging of and damage to those devices.

Especially for the orthograde revision of an endodontic treatment, guttapercha removers according to Dr Yoshi Terauchi are very suitable. The instruments have been proven for years in their daily clinical use, yet there is nothing that cannot be made even better. Thus, manufacturer Kohler and Dr Terauchi have modernised the removers. Now, micro-hooks boasting outstanding tensile strength and stability on the fine working ends ensure firm hooking into the guttapercha, and these are produced to the utmost precision.

The new handles are made of PEEK, a shape- and colour-stable high-performance plastic, and are extremely light, each instrument weighing only 12 g. Furthermore, the black surface of the handles reduces light reflection under magnification. The handle design combines the advantages of simple cleaning and sterilisation with outstanding grip.

The guttapercha removers are available in four versions, adapted to different clinical situations: with working ends of 30 mm or 18 mm in length, and hooks to the left or right or the top or bottom.