IDS 2015 sets up largest showcase ever for dental innovation

BERGISCH GLADBACH, Germany: More visitors than ever will be attending the International Dental Show (IDS) in Germany next year, representatives of the organiser Koelnmesse and the Association of German Dental Manufacturers announced at a press conference in Bergisch Gladbach near Cologne. They said that over 125,000 professionals are expected at the world’s largest dental showcase, which will be held again in March next year, to learn about the latest developments and trends in dentistry.

With registrations in early December already surpassing those from the 2015 show, a record number of dental companies have already registered for the five-day event. Owing to the increase, the show will occupy an additional hall at the Koelnmesse fairground, extending the overall exhibition space to 150,000 square metres for the first time.

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According to Marco Gadola, Chairman of the Board at Instradent, T-Plus, a Taiwanese manufacturer of dental implants, the agreement with Neodent will allow Instradent to expand its presence in the Asian market, one of the fastest-growing markets for dental implants.

Instradent stated that it is planning to acquire 45 per cent of T-Plus in March or April in 2015, with the option of increasing its stake up to 90 per cent in 2020. The company could thus control T-Plus by 2018. However, the agreement is still subject to approval by Taiwan’s Investment Commission.

According to market analyses from 2014, the global market for dental implants and prostheses is estimated to be worth US$9.1 billion (€7.4 billion) by 2018. China, India and Brazil are the fastest-growing markets globally, as they account for an enormous patient population owing to their large populations generally and large ageing populations.