"Dentistry nowadays has become a field of constant technological challenge"

An interview with Guido Bartels, Sales Fellas, Germany

The responsibilities of dental technicians in the future will also differ significantly from the tasks they perform today. The profession and its requirements will change drastically. Dental technicians will become ‘selicers’, responsible only for partial tasks in the production process. I do not foresee any role for the all-in-one dental technician.

What other developments do you think will shape the market?

It is increasingly obvious that our health care systems are drastically changing and starting to compete not only for patients, but also for health professionals. Following this trend, insurance companies will likely develop new concepts that focus on loyalty to wards patients, health professionals and medical centres. In dentistry, I consider that competitive edge and lower costs for dental prostheses will be decisive factors.

Many dental companies have announced large investments in the Asian market. Is the market potential really that high?

In terms of market potential, India and China indeed offer enormous business opportunities. Approximately 250 million Chinese, residing primarily in and around large cities like Shanghai, already have an average monthly salary of 6,000 yuan at their disposal and the Chinese government is working on further improving the prosperity of their population in accordance with its five-year plan. The country is also striving to establish some of its own commercial brands on the global market within the next five years, access to these markets because of differences in culture and consumer behaviour. Often, importing goods there entails costly registration processes, which means that small and medium-sized companies are reluctant to enter these markets.

Thank you very much for the interview.

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