in view of the japanese tragedy and the still obscure situation at the Fukushima-I nuclear plant, it seems rather difficult at this point to deal with other things such as the future of dentistry. however, with another record IDS just having come to a close, it becomes rather clear that there is a revolution afoot that most dentists will not be able to afford to miss.

the swift recovery of the dental markets was a clear indication for the fact that dentists throughout the world have put the recession behind and are beginning to spend money on new equipment again.

However, this willingness to invest will not only benefit short-term clinical outcomes but most likely effect a dramatic change in how dental practices will be run in the future.

The majority of products presented at IDS are based on digital technology and offer outstanding connectability for an almost complete workflow that is able to incorporate all members of a dental team as well as third party service providers such as dental labs. It is most likely that dental practices will look very different in a few years from now.

Yours sincerely,
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In Memoriam Frederic Suter

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Un grand homme dentaire, un grand homme d'affaires, et grand personne, Frederic Suter:

Dental salesman, manager with profound even encyclopedic expert knowledge, lovely personality; these are attributes that characterise the French in Frederic Suter, a language that he as a Swiss native spoke as fluently as Italian, German or English.

On Thursday, 10 February, 2011, Frederic Suter passed away after long illness in Geneva in Switzerland near his long-term residence in Versoix.

Frederic Suter was a Dental Grande, who left his mark on the trade and the industry for decades. Those who were lucky to meet him, where immediately charmed by his natural, elegant and sympathetic character.

Due to his personality, he was an appreciated and beloved dialogue partner for dentists and business partners not only at the beginning of his career (his father was longtime purchasing agent of Kolliker & Gerth in Zurich, the largest Swiss dental dealer of the 1960s.)

His popularity and loyal and unselfish dedication to customers, as well as the motivation and encouragement he gave particularly young colleagues made him climb the ladder to the executive boards of large international companies like USA Healthco and, lately, for the European business operations of Morita Japan.

In addition to this, he even found time to be involved into dental trade association work. For many years, Frederic Suter was president of the well-reputed Swiss Dental Trade Association.

I will gladly remember Frederic Suter, the many expert discussions with him as well as some of the last rides in his Sting Ray Corvette over the passes of the Swiss Alps. Frederic Suter also was a fast-paced skier and a great yachtsman on the Lac Leman. Privately, he never found someone to share his many interests. He lived most of his life as a convinced bachelor.

With Frederic Suter, the dental community has lost a great and universal beloved character. Our sympathies go out to his brother Ulrich.

Un dernier au revoir!

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