

# Change in executive management at Instrument Systems

**28 years after establishing Instrument Systems, Richard Distl left the company at the end of May. Dr. Markus Ehbrecht succeeded him in the position of CEO.**

A project that Richard Distl started in 1986 in a spirit of the German youth science competition “Jugend Forscht” has been transformed into a successful global enterprise. Today, the company is the market leader for light measurement with a workforce of 148 employees and two sites in Germany. Major companies throughout the world and leading research institutes rely on measurement equipment from Instrument Systems for testing LEDs, displays and other optical light sources and components.

In December 2012, Richard Distl sold his company to Konica Minolta, Inc. After the transition phase had come to an end he left the company on 31 May 2014. He thanked all his employees, customers and partners at a farewell celebration and presented the most important milestones in the company’s history.

Dr. Markus Ehbrecht was appointed to the position of CEO. The graduate physicist has been working in the executive management of Instrument Systems since January of this year. “We have found an experienced and capable successor in Dr. Ehbrecht, who is ideally qualified to direct the company into the future,” summarized Richard Distl. He himself will continue to remain associated with the company and the LED and display industry, and he will continue to play an active role in a number of scientific bodies and committees, such as the CIE Chair of TC2-50.

## **Company profile of Instrument Systems GmbH**

Instrument Systems was founded in 1986 and is based in Munich. The company develops, manufactures and markets turnkey solutions for light measurement. Instrument Systems delivers a comprehensive range of light measuring products for industrial and research applications. These include high-performance array and scanning spectrometers as well as imaging photometers and colorimeters. Key applications are LED/SSL and display measurement, as well as spectroradiometry and photometry. Instrument Systems is one of the leading manufacturers in this area. The associated Optronik Division based in Berlin develops and markets photometric test equipment specifically for vehicles and the traffic sector. 85% of sales are generated from export business.

## **Corporate History of Instrument Systems GmbH**

1986	Richard Distl establishes the company
1987	Market launch of the first product: PL10 Wavelength Analyzer
1989	Market launch of the Spectro 100 Scanning Spectrometer (first instrument with innovative fast scanning technology and predecessor to today's Spectro 320)
1996	Market launch of the CAS 140B Compact Array Spectrometer (precursor to today's CAS Series)
2000	Market launch of the LumiCam 1300 Imaging Photometer
2002	Market launch of the LED Tester
2007	Market launch of the SpecWin Pro Software
2009	Accreditation of the test laboratories in conformity with ISO 17025
2010	Instrument Systems acquires Optronik Berlin (formerly light measurement division of X-Rite)
2012	Market launch of the LGS Goniophotometer Series for Solid-State Lighting
2012	Konica Minolta Optics acquires 100% of the business shares of Instrument Systems
2013	Market launch of the former Autronic-Melchers product line (DMS)
2014	Richard Distl leaves the company and Dr. Markus Ehbrecht takes over the position of CEO



*Dr. Markus Ehbrecht and Richard Distl*