The annual AAE meeting is our time to shine

It’s likely that you picked up this copy of roots at AAE17, the annual session of the American Association of Endodontists, held this year in New Orleans, and you are reading this on your flight home. That’s good, because this issue includes many helpful articles, including information on some of the latest topics—from cleaning and shaping to new technology used for disinfection.

If you are like me, you look forward to the AAE meeting each year, not only for the camaraderie but also because of the knowledge that is shared among compatriots. How many of the lectures and hands-on workshops did you attend at this year’s meeting? Which was your favorite? No matter what course or speaker inspired you, it’s all part of the greater knowledge about our specialty.

A small part of that knowledge base is contained on the pages that follow. Chief among them is an article by Dr. L. Stephen Buchanan, titled “Recent advances in 3D-printed dental replicas for procedural training and board exams,” and an article by Dr. Khang T. Le, “18-month case study of a C-shaped mandibular molar: Preserving dentin and deep cleaning utilizing an innovative procedure.” There’s also a report on the newly opened Dentsply Sirona Endodontic Suite at NYU College of Dentistry.

The centerpiece of this publication is an article by Dr. Ove A. Peters. “Canal preparation and obturation: An updated view of the two pillars of nonsurgical endodontics,” which originally appeared in AAE’s ENDOdontics: Colleagues for Excellence newsletter, is being made available in this issue of roots with the permission of the AAE. By reading this article, and then taking a short online quiz at www.DTStudyClub.com, you will gain one ADA CERP-certified C.E. credit. Remember that with roots, you can always earn C.E. credit without lost revenue and time away from your practice.

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