Preparations are under way for the 11th scientific congress of the International Federation of Endodontic Associations (IFEA), which will take place from 4 to 7 October in Seoul in South Korea. The theme of this year’s meeting, hosted by the Korean Academy of Endodontics, is “Endodontics: The utmost values in dentistry”.

The congress will feature prominent international speakers, both clinicians and researchers, and introduce the emerging endodontic stars from IFEA member countries, ensuring a stimulating, varied and enriching programme to benefit all attendees.

According to Dr Euiseong Kim, chairperson of the organising committee, the importance of saving the natural dentition is a topic of current emphasis in dentistry and among the public and will be discussed at this year’s congress. “Current knowledge and technologies of endodontics have enabled the predictive, successful prevention and healing of apical pathosis. Our hope is that WEC 2018 Seoul will give participants valuable scientific evidence and profound discussions in basic science, clinical research, new technologies, and future directions,” he added.

The event has received support from a number of industry competitors, including global companies like Dentsply Sirona, COLTENE, FKG, MICRO-MEGA and META BIOMED, as well as a number of local companies and dealers. They will all be showcasing the latest advancements in instrumentation and materials for root canal therapy.

Established in 1986, IFEA is based in the US and its membership comprises endodontic associations in over 35 countries. Previous presidents and officers of the federation have come from a wide range of countries and this has ensured a global approach to the challenges of meeting the needs of the membership and attracting new members. Countries that have had representatives serve as officers of IFEA include Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, Israel, Italy, Mexico, South Korea, the UK and the US. According to its policy statements, IFEA aims to promote collaboration between endodontic specialists and bodies worldwide. It also supports continuing education and research in the field through scholarships, like its annual IFEA Jean-Marie Laurichesse Research Award.