Chairpersons & invited speakers

ROOTS SUMMIT 2018

Jenner Argueta
(Guatemala)

SPEAKER

Dr Jenner Oscarly Argueta completed his DDS at Universidad de San Carlos de Guatemala’s dental school in Guatemala in 2011. He also earned a master’s degree in endodontics from the same university in 2014. Since then, Argueta Zepeda has taught endodontics at the Universidad Mariano Gálvez de Guatemala in Guatemala. He has run a private clinical practice focusing on micro-endodontics and micro-restorative dentistry since 2011.

Argueta Zepeda has published scientific articles on root canal therapy and lectured at various events in Latin America, the US, the Middle East and Europe. He was elected the President of the Academia de Endodoncia de Guatemala (endodontic academy of Guatemala) in 2016. From 2012 to 2014, he was a key opinion leader for Sybron Endo in Guatemala, and has been a key opinion leader for META BIOMED in Latin America since 2011.

Freddy Belliard
(Mexico)

CHAIR

In 1997, Dr Freddy Belliard graduated from the Pontificia Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra in Santiago, Dominican Republic, at which he also served as a professor from 1999 to 2005. He received his master’s degree from the Instituto de Estudios Avanzados en Odontología “Dr. Yury Kuttler” in Mexico City in 1999 and his D.D.S. from the European University of Madrid in Spain in 2009. From 2012 to 2014, he was Assistant Professor of Endodontics at the University of Warwick in the UK.

Belliard is a member of the Spanish Dental Association and the Spanish Endodontic Society, and has owned a practice specialising in micro-endodontics, microsurgery and postendodontic restorations in Guadalajara, Spain, since 1999. In addition, he moderates two endodontic social media forums, ROOTS and Endolatinos.

Belliard is the co-chairman of the 2018 ROOTS SUMMIT in Berlin.

Gergely Benyőcs
(Hungary)

SPEAKER

In 2001, Dr Gergely Benyőcs graduated summa cum laude from Semmelweis University in Hungary and completed his master’s degree at the Department of Conservative Dentistry of the same university in 2003.

He specialises in endodontic treatment and is the owner of the PreceDent dental center in Budapest, Hungary, which offers high-level endodontic treatment using a microscopic approach and cutting-edge technology. Benyőcs lectures both nationally and internationally.
Stephen Buchanan (USA)

SPEAKER

Dr Stephen Buchanan received his dental degree in 1978 from the University of the Pacific Arthur A. Dugoni School of Dentistry, San Francisco, CA, where he was Valedictorian of his class. In 1980 he completed the endodontic graduate programme at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA.

He began pursuing three-dimensional anatomy research early in his career. In 1986, he became the first person in dentistry to use micro-computed tomography technology to show the intricacies of root structure.

In 1989, he established Dental Education Laboratories (DEL) a state-of-the-art training facility devoted to hands-on instruction where he teaches endodontic treatment, retreatment and segmented file retrieval. In addition to hands-on training courses at the DEL campus in Santa Barbara, California, Dr Buchanan is a frequent guest lecturer and live demonstration presenter for the ADA, AAE, AAED, AGD as well as for numerous dental societies around the world. He is a regular contributor to Dentistry Today and various endodontic journals as well as a contributing author to Pathways of the Pulp. Dr Buchanan holds a number of patents for dental instruments and techniques. Most notably, he was the first to introduce variable-tapered instruments for use in endodontic therapy and pioneered a system-based approach to treating root canals.

Dr Buchanan’s most recent work in hands-on training is the development of 3-D printed surgical training replicas: TrueTooth and TrueJaw. These 3-D printed replicas are anatomically precise human teeth and jaws—perfect for teaching endodontic therapy, implantology, prosthodontics and general restorative procedures. TrueTooth and TrueJaw radiograph accurately with 2-D and 3-D imaging. TrueJaw replicas have separately segmented cortical and trabecular bone, periodontal ligaments, and gingiva tissues with elastic PDL’s, providing a life-like oral surgery procedure experience. TrueJaw and TrueTooth are produced and sold by Dr Buchanan’s research and development company, Dental Engineering Laboratories, LLC.

Dr Buchanan is a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics and a Fellow of the International and American Colleges of Dentists. He currently serves as Clinical Guest Professor at the University of Southern California School of Dentistry and the University of California at Los Angeles School of Dentistry, and as Guest Lecturer, Loma Linda University School of Dentistry.

Dr Buchanan maintains a full-time private practice limited to endodontics and implantology in Santa Barbara, California, USA.

Josette Camilleri (Malta)

SPEAKER

Dr Josette Camilleri studied dental surgery at the University of Malta; her doctoral degree was supervised by the late Prof. Tom Pitt Ford from King’s College London Dental Institute in the UK. She has worked at the Faculty for the Built Environment of the University of Malta and is currently an associate professor at the Faculty of Dental Surgery of the same university.

Camilleri specializes in dental materials and her main research interest is mineral trioxide aggregate. She is the editor of the book Mineral Trioxide Aggregate in Dentistry: From Preparation to Application (Springer, 2014). She contributed chapters to Harty’s Endodontics in Clinical Practice, edited by Prof. Bun San Chong, and Glass-Ionomers in Dentistry, edited by Dr Sharanbir K. Sidhu. Additionally, she has published over 90 papers in peer-reviewed international journals, is a reviewer for a number of international journals and lectures.

Daniel Černý (Czech Republic)

SPEAKER

Dr Daniel Černý received his dental degree from the Charles University’s Faculty of Medicine in Hradec Králové, Czech Republic, in 1998. Between 1998 and 2007, he worked as an assistant professor at the same faculty. He is currently completing his doctoral degree with a focus on adhesive post-endodontic treatment at Palacký University Olomouc in the Czech Republic. Since 2001, he has maintained a private practice limited to adhesive dentistry and endodontics in Hradec Králové.

Černý has been the President of the Czech Endodontic Society since 2015. He was the co-founder and first President of the Česká akademie dentální estetiky (Czech academy of dental aesthetics) from 2007 to 2009.
From 2009 to 2013, he served on the editorial board of LKS—Časopis České stomatologické komory (journal of the Czech Dental Chamber). He is also the co-founder of the Dental Summit congress in Prague, Czech Republic. He has been the co-owner and director of the HDVI continuing education institute since 2010. Černý has contributed four chapters to dental books and lectures both nationally and internationally.

Elisabetta Cotti (Italy)
SPEAKER
Dr Elisabetta Cotti received her DDS from the University of Cagliari in Italy. In 1991, she received a certificate and a master’s degree in endodontics from the Loma Linda University in the US. She is the chair of the department of conservative dentistry and endodontics at the school of dentistry and director of the one-year postgraduate programme in endodontics at the University of Cagliari. She also teaches in the Advanced Education Program in Endodontics at the University of Bologna in Italy and is a lecturer in the Department of Endodontics at the Loma Linda University. She also works in a private practice limited to endodontics.

Cotti is the author of several papers in the field of endodontics and has a specific interest in periapical pathology, immature teeth, complex case management, imaging techniques, and interactions between periapical periodontitis and systemic conditions. She is an active member of the Italian Society of Endodontics, at which she has served as executive member for ten years, and a member of the European Society of Endodontology, at which she has served as country delegate for seven years. She is the past President of the Società Italiana di Traumatologia Dentale (Italian society of dental traumatology).

David E. Jaramillo (USA)
CHAIR
Dr David E. Jaramillo is Associate Professor of Endodontics at the University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in the US.

He obtained his D.D.S. in 1986 from the Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara in Mexico, where he also completed his postgraduate training in endodontics 1990. He was formerly Clinical Assistant Professor of Endodontics at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and Loma Linda University. He was the Clinical Director of Endodontics, endodontics course director in the International Dentist Program and a researcher at the Center for Biofilms USC and Center for Dental Research at Loma Linda University.

Jaramillo has lectured at meetings of endodontic associations in 12 countries and has published more than 20 peer-reviewed papers and six book chapters. Dr Jaramillo is the official Scientific Chairman of the ROOTS SUMMIT 2018 in Berlin.

Stephen Jones (USA)
CHAIR
During a 30-year career in dental sales, Stephen Jones has been fortunate to hold positions with many different areas of responsibility, particularly various sales and marketing roles in the dental field. Jones is currently responsible for international sales in Asia and Latin America at Centrix Dental, and is the co-chairman of the 2018 ROOTS SUMMIT in Berlin.

John Munce (USA)
SPEAKER
Dr C. John Munce received both his dental degree and his training in endodontics from Loma Linda University in the U.S. Munce is Professor of Graduate Endodontics at both Loma Linda University and the University of Southern California in the US. He is also founder and CEO of a clinical endodontics products company, CJM Engineering.

Munce is a frequent international lecturer and the primary author of the chapter “Preparation for endodontic treatment” in the 50th anniversary seventh edition of Ingle’s Endodontics. Clinical concepts and techniques originated by Munce have been published in a number of primary endodontic textbooks, most recently in the sixth edition of Ingle’s Endodontics and the tenth edition of Pathways of the Pulp, and he co-authored a chapter on mineral trioxide aggregate repair of post perforations in Dr Nadim Baba’s prosthodontics textbook Contemporary Restoration of Endodontically Treated Teeth. Munce is a Diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, a Fellow of the International College of Dentists and past President of the California State Association of Endodontists.
Carlos Portoles (Spain)  
*SPEAKER*  
Dr Carlos Aznar Portoles received his BDS from the International University of Catalonia in Spain in 2004. In 2009, he completed an MSc programme in endodontics at the same university. In 2014, he completed a postgraduate programme in endodontics at the Academic Centre for Dentistry Amsterdam in the Netherlands.

Aznar Portoles has been practising as a general dental surgeon for Integrated Dental Holdings since 2004. He also currently runs a private practice limited to endodontics and endodontic microsurgery in Santpoort-Zuid, Netherlands.

He is the author of several endodontic-related articles and lectures regularly at national and international meetings.

Jorge Vera (Mexico)  
*SPEAKER*  
Dr Jorge Vera graduated from the National Autonomous University of Mexico in Mexico City in 1989. In 1993, he received a postgraduate endodontic certificate from the Tufts University School of Dental Medicine in Boston, Massachusetts, in the US.

Vera teaches endodontics at the Universidad Autónoma de Tlaxcala in Mexico and has been running a private practice limited to endodontics since 1993.

Mario Zuolo (Brazil)  
*SPEAKER*  
Dr Mario Zuolo gained his DDS from the University of São Paulo in Brazil in 1981. Afterward, he specialised in endodontics. He completed a master’s degree in molecular biology at the Federal University of São Paulo in Brazil. Thereafter, he earned a PhD in clinical dentistry with a special focus on endodontics from the University of Campinas’s School of Dentistry of Piracicaba in Brazil.

Zuolo was a teaching fellow in endodontics at the University of Iowa College of Dentistry in the US and Professor of Endodontics at the school of professional development of the Associação Paulista de Cirurgiões-Dentistas (São Paulo dental association) in Brazil. He has a private practice limited to endodontics in São Paulo.

Zuolo has written several scientific articles and lectures nationally and internationally on endodontic clinical topics focusing on contemporary endodontic treatment and retreatment. He is a co-author of the book *Reintervention in Endodontics* (Quintessence, 2014), which has also been published in Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, Russian and German.