Dear readers and friends,

Welcome to ROOTS SUMMIT 2018! We are delighted to be in historic Berlin in Germany and to be hosting our meeting in the European School of Management and Technology (ESMT). This majestic building was the headquarters of the former German Democratic Republic State Council. The imposing architectural aesthetics of the building are spectacular. After the great success of ROOTS SUMMIT 2016 in Dubai, this year’s edition could not have found a more ideal location.

When introduced to ESMT, I was pleased to find that their focus is on three principles: leadership, innovation and analytics. These items have also been very much part of the DNA of ROOTS for the past 20 years. We are pleased to be able to have our event in a school setting that reflects our ideals too.

**Leadership** is shown by the over 50 countries represented at this meeting, guided by their top opinion leaders and most forward-thinking endodontists and dentists.

**Innovation** is what people are seeking whenever they attend a continuing education course, innovation in terms of treatment planning, visualisation, irrigation protocol, instrumentation, filling techniques, etc.

**Analytics** are key to any successful treatment and something that all ROOTS members take very seriously. Analysing what to do, what equipment to use, single appointment versus multiple, restorative options, etc. is a critical component in treating patients. The fact that ROOTS members confer with each other globally 24 hours a day speaks volumes to how seriously everyone attending the ROOTS SUMMIT regards the subject of planning endodontic treatments.

Dr David E. Jaramillo has organised a topical and relevant meeting with an extremely high level of scientific relevance. Our impressive list of some of the world’s leading endodontic speakers will translate the science to how it can benefit you by benefiting your patient. As is always the case at a ROOTS SUMMIT, we have speakers from multiple countries and backgrounds, including a mix of academia, education and clinical practice. In addition to the ten speakers David has organised for us, Dr Freddy Belliard has scheduled 17 diverse and unique hands-on workshops, some of which sold out well in advance of the SUMMIT.

To many participants, the highlight of a ROOTS SUMMIT is viewing the poster and case presentations submitted by their fellow members of the ROOTS Facebook group. Both of these competitions will take place on 29 June. We received an enthusiastic response and a very high level of submissions to participate in this part of the programme. David has narrowed it down to ten posters and ten presentations. Over the years, several of our main-stage speakers have come from this segment of the programme.

The entire programme, especially the hands-on workshops, would not be possible without the generous and unconditional support of our sponsors. Please spend some time talking to these kind people who support ROOTS on an ongoing basis and help make this meeting possible. You will be among some of the best and most knowledgeable people marketing endodontic products anywhere in the world, so please make good use of your time with these valuable partners. They are a great resource for knowledge and technique information. You will be surprised how much they also have to teach you.

We will have a very busy, interesting and extremely educational few days in Berlin. Thank you for joining us at ROOTS SUMMIT 2018!

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