Review: ROOTS SUMMIT 2018
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Over 450 people from 50 countries gathered at the European School of Management and Technology (ESMT) in the German capital to attend the 2018 ROOTS SUMMIT, held from 28 June to 1 July. At this year’s event, attendees benefitted from the expertise of ten international speakers, could practise their skills in 17 hands-on courses, and had the opportunity to exchange ideas and experiences with like-minded people. For over 20 years now, ROOTS has been the premier global discussion forum for the dental specialty of endodontics.

On 28 June, the first ROOTS SUMMIT day started with pre-congress hands-on courses. Dozens of dental professionals arrived at the ESMT Berlin that morning to take part in interactive learning workshops sponsored by some of the leading suppliers of oral care products and presented by internationally prominent practitioners in the field.

What followed were three days of scientifically and clinically relevant lectures, which dealt with such topics as invasive cervical resorption, pain and infection management, the role of bioceramics in endodontics and adhesive post-endodontic restoration.

In addition to the extensive scientific programme, 40 companies showcased the most recent trends in endodontics at the industry exhibition, which was distributed across all levels of the ESMT. During lunchtime and coffee breaks, participants tried out the newest dental products and technologies.

Besides the learning and networking opportunities, ROOTS SUMMIT featured an entertaining social pro-
gramme. A welcome reception on Friday evening and a public viewing event on Saturday provided a laid-back and fun atmosphere for organisers, speakers and industry representatives to enjoy drinks, snacks and chats.

The 2018 ROOTS SUMMIT was organised in collaboration with Dental Tribune International. At the closing ceremony on Sunday afternoon, it was announced that the next meeting will be held in 2020 in Prague in the Czech Republic. The exact dates are yet to be made known and more details will follow soon.

“ROOTS SUMMIT Berlin 2018 was a tremendous success on many levels. Our scientific programme received rave reviews from all who attended. There were too many highlights to choose one above all but suffice it to say that the key to why this meeting was so good was the level of speakers chosen and the topics discussed. The hands-on courses were at a higher and deeper level than is normal at such an event,” said co-chairman Stephen Jones.

“A favourite feature of most people attending a ROOTS SUMMIT is the case presentations. The summit would not be possible without the generous support of the sponsoring companies. Their trust in the topics chosen by our scientific chairman, Dr. David E. Jaramillo, was complete and unconditional, which paid huge dividends in terms of the quality of programme the attendees received.”

“As with all ROOTS SUMMITs, everyone enjoys the same lectures, which leads to lively debate and discussions during the social events. The reception at the ESMT could have gone for hours and our evening event at Alte Turnhalle for the World Cup match of Uruguay vs. Portugal was even more lively and lasted well into the night,” added Jones. “We are a bit sad that the next ROOTS SUMMIT will not be until May of 2020, but that is more than offset by the excitement that it will be in the beautiful city of Prague, in the Czech Republic. If you missed ROOTS SUMMIT Berlin 2018, do not make the same mistake with the 2020 edition. Details on registration will be available by the end of this year and the programme will be available shortly after that.”

The event organisers also invite everyone who is interested in ROOTS SUMMIT to follow their Facebook page for further information. More photos of this year’s edition can also be viewed there,