Welcome to the winter issue of roots!

You are going to learn quite a bit about endodontics and enjoy this issue, which is full of excellent articles from several of the leading global endodontic speakers, including Prof. Gianluca Gambarini, who will be speaking at ROOTS SUMMIT in Prague in May 2020. You will also be treated to an interesting and clinically applicable article from Dr Antonis Chaniotis, whom we had the pleasure of learning from at ROOTS SUMMIT 2016 in Dubai. There is also a terrific article from a regular participant in our online forum, Dr Justin Kolnick. Other articles in the magazine follow the same theme in that they concern scientifically based, clinically relevant endodontics that will help you in your day-to-day practice.

As roots is the official magazine of ROOTS SUMMIT, you can expect to see more articles in subsequent issues from the people you know. We plan to feature and highlight the clinical work and academic research done by our speakers and members of the RootsEndo Facebook group. Our Facebook group has more than 28,000 members with a keen interest in endodontics, including most of the top endodontic lecturers and clinicians from around the world. Several of these members have already had articles included in various issues of roots, and we hope that they will continue to write more for us.

It has long been the feeling of the ROOTS SUMMIT committee, starting with our scientific director, Dr David E. Jaramillo, that there is a need for more places for scientific studies to be published and read. The publishers of roots agree. Starting with the next issue, Jaramillo will be publishing clinical abstracts in addition to articles by the clinicians and academics who will be on the programme at ROOTS SUMMIT. Participants who have submitted poster or case presentations will also be featured. We can all agree that there needs to be a place for this important contribution to the profession to be acknowledged, shared and absorbed.

ROOTS SUMMIT has long been acknowledged to have one of the more scientifically significant programmes in endodontics and we look forward to raising the scientific level even higher with roots.

In closing, I would like to add a few words that we hope will encourage you to consider attending our meeting. ROOTS SUMMIT is different from most other events in two ways. One, the speakers are chosen according to the theme of the programme at the entire discretion of ROOTS SUMMIT committee. The second major difference is that the lectures are held in one room, allowing all participants to enjoy the same programme. This often leads to some very lively discussions during the breaks and the evening social events. More information about our outstanding programme of hands-on workshops and extensive lecture programme can be viewed at www.roots-summit.com.

We look forward to you joining us in Prague at ROOTS SUMMIT 2020, which is going to be held from 21 to 24 May.

Steve Jones
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