Welcome to the Roots Summit Dubai 2016!

On behalf of the organising committee, it is my sincere pleasure to welcome you to our Roots Summit Dubai 2016 meeting: "Endodontics these days is better than ever".

We have built a worldwide Endodontic community through the use of social media, specifically in our case, Facebook. Our Facebook Group, ROOTS is a leader in online discussion with well over 22,000 members. This allows us to exchange ideas, clinical cases, treatment options, and discuss our profession with people from multiple continents and countries on a daily basis, 24/7.

Let me share some of the exciting things that we have prepared for you.

Dubai 2016 is our 12th Roots Summit. By moving to Facebook, ROOTS has grown in its ability to support the creative and educational basis of our specialty. This is of paramount importance for our continued success as clinicians.

Steve Jones and Freddy Belliard have been working tirelessly to organise this year’s event. My role is programme director for this edition. Together, we have organised a unique event, where we will have 20 of the top opinion leaders in Endodontics. These top-level clinicians will present and share their daily work with the attendees.

We have the opportunity to make the Roots Summit event not only a clinical and scientific event. This is an opportunity to gather together people from all over the world. One of the strengths of ROOTS over the years has been having so many people from diverse locations and backgrounds get to know each other better, exchange ideas, develop and strengthen friendships, and help improve our profession for the benefit of all.

We have organised a series of hands-on courses where the participants will be able to observe and learn from the best in their areas of expertise, and to practice the new techniques with the help of our great lineup of clinicians. We hope that you will take advantage of this great opportunity. Our speakers spend most of their time traveling the world helping to improve the efficiency, and more importantly raise the standard of endodontic practice. Having them all in one place will be one of the best endodontic learning opportunities of the year.

In addition to a very full programme of speakers, we will also have a period on Saturday afternoon for oral presentations. We wanted to provide the time and opportunity to our community members to present others what they are doing in their academic areas or Endodontic offices. We will have also poster presentations for all of those who would like to share their knowledge with us.

You are invited to explore this meeting and discover for yourself the great opportunity to be found here. However, the real keys of the Roots Summit event experience lie within each of you and every single participant. Share your experiences and you will meet active and engaged learners who are breaking new ground and engaging in the world of Endodontics with the purpose as they seal to find powerful and effective ways to improve their knowledge.

Please enjoy yourself, learn and have fun!

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