

# Dear friends and colleagues,



Dr Hakki Sunay

It is with great honour and pleasure that I write the editorial for this year's third issue of the **roots** magazine. Throughout my career, I have always believed in the importance of collaboration between dental practitioners and specialists, and it is undeniable that dental journals offer an indispensable means of fostering interaction and communication between dental professionals. I also strongly feel that endodontic specialists should be continuously involved in collaborative activities, and the delivery of up-to-date information by means of journals is a very efficient means of sharing one's experience and knowledge. Endodontic specialists, and all other dental practitioners, should also be encouraged to participate in symposiums and conferences pertaining to the field and subscription to a specialty journal can be a very efficient means of creating and maintaining a scientifically based professional foundation.

It is amazing how rapidly the specialty of endodontics has developed and evolved, especially in the last decade, with new approaches and methodologies regularly being unveiled, as well as paradigm shifts that might alter our conventional methodologies through the introduction of innovative and productive devices. Instrumentation has always been a challenge for endodontists and we are living in an era in which rapid delivery of quality dental service is expected. New methodologies and instrumentation systems are continuously being launched to facilitate endodontic patients' comfort and to ease the practitioner's work. This issue of the magazine contains the most recent information concerning new shaping strategies; readers are introduced to new options and encouraged to make comparisons with their routine methodologies.

Imaging and magnification are considered very important steps in state-of-the-art endodontic care, and it is indisputable that one is enabled to perform sensitive procedures in endodontic treatment when good visualisation is rendered possible. You will find in this issue information on visual data and imaging that will enhance the quality of your endodontic treatments. Case reports are a good means of sharing one's experience with others, and through commentary on and analysis of unique cases dental practitioners can be provided with sufficient information on cases they might encounter in their practices. In this issue, in the belief that such information is very helpful for enhancing the vision of a dental practitioner, interesting cases with efficient treatment modalities and sufficient follow-up periods are presented.

Finally, the European Society of Endodontology congress is soon to be held in Lisbon in Portugal, and we are expecting to enjoy a lively scientific programme with mutual discussions, the exchange of ideas and the enhancement of existing knowledge. I wish all participants a pleasant and productive congress, and I hope that the upcoming event will serve as a successful means of supporting our endeavours in striving to offer the best service in our patients' best interest.

My best wishes to all readers and colleagues,

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