



Back to the roots

You now have the autumn issue of ENDO in your hands and I hope you all had a splendid summer holiday.

This issue's editorial focus goes 'back to the roots' – meaning a return to the most authentic values of our profession, and that is the tooth itself. Therefore, we have to understand the typical anatomical structures of the different types of teeth and the belonging root canal systems as well as our vest pockets. Moreover, we should also be aware of typical and even rare morphological aberrations like the radix entomolaris or the mid-mesial canal in the mesial root of mandibular molars. Despite all the fascinating technological improvements, such as for instance the operating microscope, an in-depth knowledge of the anatomy of the root canal system is indispensable. Even with the use of a microscope, one will never find an accessory canal without having an idea where to search for it.

This is why we are submitting this issue as a kind of 'special issue' with the main topic 'morphology of the root canal system'. Both reviews in this issue are focusing on this particular topic, and furthermore two case reports are dealing with the treatment of mandibular molars with radix entomolaris and mandibular molars with three root canals. The impressive clinical pictures and radiographs of these articles are best suited to remember the variety of anatomical variants we are dealing with in everyday practice.

At the same time, this issue will also provide you a kind of foretaste of what you can expect from ENDO-Endodontic Practice Today in the coming year. The editorial team has decided to renew the concept in as far as we are trying to provide you from time to time with special issues covering only one specific topic. Besides reviews on the particular topic focus, interesting case reports will be included to top the topic off and to demonstrate the clinical implementation of what will be addressed in the reviews. Hopefully, this concept will further increase the practical relevance of ENDO.

In this context, as ENDO-Endodontic Practice Today is the official Publication of the Belgian Association for Endodontology and Traumatology (BAET), the French Society of Endodontics (SFE), and the Norwegian Endodontic Society (NEF), I would like to encourage all members of these societies to utilise their official publication to share some interesting cases with us or to publish other interesting findings or even to pose a question, which in turn will be answered by an expert and published in the journal.

As for now, I hope you will enjoy the present issue of ENDO and let us go back to the roots.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Schäfer'.

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