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We are going through unprecedented times and still have no certainty. International societies have been keen to establish education committees intended to serve promotion, and improvement of endodontic education through cultivation of closer professional relationships and maintaining high standards of endodontic teaching, research and quality practice.

The experience of continuing endodontic education during the COVID-19 pandemic has proven that the APEC Education Committee can provide an excellent umbrella and a safe haven in this direction.

Utilising 'ZOOM' infrastructure to make virtual communication even more useful than face to face communication, we are proud that the APEC Education Committee has endeavoured and succeeded in teamwork with Endodontic Associations or Universities such as Tehran University of Medical Sciences, which collaborates to launch our monthly International Journal Club with the invaluable participation of the main author dedicated not only for the members of APEC but also for colleagues joining us from around the globe.

Moderating these sessions with his rich background in endodontics, Prof. M H Nekoofar, has created an

innovative approach of critical appraisal of the evidence published in high impact endodontic journals.

Our readers can watch and learn from our previous sessions by visiting the following link: <http://en.tums.ac.ir/appraisertoraise/en/content/286/endodontics>

However, the question remains: Are we satisfied with that, and is this all we aspire to?

Many factors have combined in our inability to perform the tasks entrusted to us in the Education Committee Portfolio. In striving for service excellence and best practice, our ultimate goal of a dynamic, effective and efficient 'Education Act' with responsible bodies collide with internal and external factors preventing us from implementing our vision and mission.

Until we reach our desired goal of Scholarship Program Awards, and our more ambitious plans of promoting the academic status and providing quality support to improve endodontic education in needy countries with focus in the Asia Pacific region, steps such as the use of links from individual member societies, building partnership and cooperation and following Blog via Email or Twitter and other social media will be useful to facilitate communication and bring us closer to achieve our goals.