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Dear Colleagues,

It has been a very much privilege and a great honor for me to have the opportunity to serve as the President of our Federation during these 2 years, even if due to the pandemic, these 2 years have not been so easy.

During this year, we had different informal Executive Committee Meetings using Zoom, to solve various problems and thanks to the solidarity of the members of the Executive and the Board we have been able to find solutions for most of them.

As you all know, the problem of the treasury has worried us since 2019. With Elisabetta Cotti, our treasurer with the help of Karen and Joe Maggio and Sam Dorn we tried to solve the Harris bank problems. During the last General Assembly Meeting, we inform you that the problem with the Harris Bank was solved and that the funds were transferred to the BB&T Bank. I want to thank Lindy and Sam Dorn who allow us to realize this change in a few days. The situation with the BB&T Bank is not perfect as we don't have a free access to the account. However, since May, we can collect the dues, but we still are not able to see who paid but our Treasurer will explain the situation. Because of this problem, with the Executive, we thought that it may be easier to open an account in a European bank. In France, we have some international banks and I spend time having appointments on phone, or on face-to-face meeting, but they all refused to open an account to an international society based in USA. Our Regent Director in North America, Patrick Taylor, tried also to contact the HSBC Bank but no way. I think the Treasurer position is going to be crucial next year as we would want to have some continuity in our efforts to solve the issue.

Speaking about the WECs:

- Thanks to the energy and the reactivity of our Secretary, Dr Gopi Krishna and all the Indian team, we were able to maintain the 2020 postponed World Endodontic Congress doing it on-line in August 2021. However, the works carried out by all this team in such a short time is incredible and we had a lot of presentations with 1170 scientific papers and more than 3000 delegates. So, I want to thank another time all the Organizing Committee for the incredible success of the 12th World Endodontic Congress.
- In July 2021, Dr Liliana Artaza advised us that due to the decision of the Argentina Odontologic Association, the Board of the Argentina Society of Endodontics had to cancel the 13th WEC in Buenos Aires. This announcement was a shock, however after calling Liliana Artaza, we decided to try to maintain the meeting in South America and to find another country in the same Continent. We ask to the president of the Chilean Association of Endodontics, Dr Priscilla Ledezma, to see with her Board if they were able to organize the Congress at the same dates and they immediately react and send us their bid.

During this year, I try to help Nicolas Ferraro in the organization of the WEC and its promotion asking, among other things, for a booth during the AAE Annual Meeting in Phoenix. I take this opportunity to thank the President, Alan Law, for granting our request, that allowed us to recruit more sponsors and to meet lecturers.

In only 12 months, the Chilean team with its energetic and enthusiastic president, Nicolas Ferraro, knew how to manage this challenge masterfully by successfully completing a congress bringing together more than 1,300 registered, with 74 scientific presentations, 21 IFEA representatives speakers and 40 invited speakers. Also, they organized a large exhibit with 37 sponsors from all over the world. Unfortunately, one of the main sponsor let us 3 months ago. I tried to help in solving the problem sending emails to Zeiss but I didn't get any answer. I know that the result is not what was expected but, I want to thank Priscilla Ledezma and Nicolas Ferraro and their team for all the works they did and to have organized such a big even in such a short time.

Looking at the Regions:

- As we were discussing last year, we try to create a new region to allow more countries to organize a WEC, so the idea was to have less countries in the 2 largest regions, which are Europe (18 countries) and Asia (10 countries). However, all the discussions came to the point that it was difficult to divide the Regions. And the creation of a Middle East regions with Turkey, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Iran, Irak, will diminish the number of countries from the European Region of only 3 countries. That was not the goal of this new region. So, we decided that the Region having more than 12 members

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would be given 2 chances per continental cycle of organizing WEC while regions having less than 4 members would be given one chance per continental cycle.

- Speaking about the regions, in December 2021, the Regent of Europe, Roeland De Moor decided for personal reasons, to resign his position. After a Zoom Executive meeting, we decided to ask William Mc Lean to be the Interim Regent Director of Europe for IFEA. I want to thank Will to have accepted to take the position.

During the AAE Congress, in Phoenix, we have many meetings:

- with Elisabetta Cotti, as part of the international hearing, combined with the CAE (Canadian Association of Endodontics) and with the IADT (International Association of Dental Traumatology)- we met with the AAE Executive Committee where I reported the status of the upcoming congress and asked the help of AAE to promoting the WEC in Santiago.
- With our Treasurer, we had a meeting with Dr. Bettina Basrani, from Canada, about IFEA as she would like to be more involved in the Federation. As Patrick Taylor, our current Regent for North America is finishing his term, we thought that Bettina was the good person to replace Patrick. In the meantime, we met Patrick Taylor to ask him to join the Executive as the Treasurer.
- I also met the representative of the Guatemala Academy, who explained the problem with the Guatemala Society currently enrolled in IFEA that does not seem to represent Guatemala Endodontics. I proposed him to see with the Executive how to solve the problem. Finally, the Guatemala Academy is joining IFEA.

Last September, during the ESE meeting in Budapest, I contact Dr Pavi Siukosaari, President of the Finish Endodontic Society, to try to solve the problem of their dues. I also contact the Ukrainian society and I had different meetings with Patrick Taylor and the AAE Board.

To conclude, I would like to thank all the member Societies and Associations for their continuous support for IFEA in the past, at present and into the future. Of course, at each new WEC, some societies from neighboring countries are joining our Federation. But between each meeting we have no more contact, and our Secretary will explained you his idea to be closer all the time. I think also that we need to develop our communication may be, at the time of social networks, we need to have a page accessible to all the societies' members. That is only an idea, that I'm suggesting to the future President.

I also, want to thank all the members of the Board :

- the Regents of the 6 regions: Anil Kholil for Asia and William Mc Lean for Europe, who tried to find a solution for the creation of a 7th Region and for their involvement in IFEA. Patrick Taylor of North America for his constant support and all his involvement in the problems we had with the bank accounts. He is already ready to take over the position of treasurer. Liliana Artaza of South America who, unfortunately was in the middle of this decision to cancel the 2022 WEC in Buenos Aires but who help us a lot to promote Chile WEC and convinced 3 more countries to join IFEA: Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay. Ennio Rebellato of Oceania who is always good advice and Ahmed Rahman Ashem for Africa, who, made Morocco joining us. The two Chairperson: David Jaramillo, Chairperson of the Research Committee and Mehmet Bayboran, Chairperson of the Education Committee for their action to promote IFEA.

And of course, I want to thank all the members of the Executive who support me a lot, during these 2 years. We spend time on WhatsApp and by Zoom to try to solve each problem. Luke Sung Kyo Kim who shared with us his experience, Alan Nerwich, President Elect, who, by his calm and thoughtful side, has always been good advice. Alan, I wish you a very nice term of President. Gopi Krishna, our secretary, always so responsive, and ready to give of his time for IFEA, for his support and his help during my 2 months of Covid. To finish, I want to thank my friend from many years, Elisabetta Cotti who, took a lot of her personal time to solve the problem of the bank account with calm and patience even with her Italian character.

I know that, depending on the place of the WEC, it could be difficult to be on-site. Sometimes, distances are very big and many countries, as today, are not present. Hopefully, the technology made that most of the associations have been able to join the General Assembly, we missed you, but we hope to see you next time in Glasgow.

Respectively submitted

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