

Dear Colleagues,

26 May 2013

Welcome to this General Assembly Meeting.

Our Immediate Past-President, Joe Maggio sent his regrets for not being here with us. He was not allowed to travel for medical reasons. Joe, we miss you.

Let me start my report with a strong statement : IFEA is doing well !

We had a very successful Congress in Athens 3 years ago and this year will be a block-buster again. Thank you, Professor Hideaki Suda for setting up an outstanding program.

You had an immediate answer to any enquiry from any of us. You have an attention for everything : who else would think of welcome booths at the Tokyo airports ? Also, I hope we will have a copy of the fantastic video shown during the Opening Ceremony.

You deserve the success and we are eager to listen to your update later on.

IFEA is growing : at this Meeting we officially welcome the endodontic association of Portugal. We now have 33 Member-Societies. Iraq and Colombia will be granted provisional Membership. Egypt and Indonesia showed interest in joining.

Dr Mark Wotzke, Treasurer and/or Professor Luke Kim, Secretary will have a complete update on that to.

IFEA is "hot".

We will have the difficult task to choose the 2019 venue of the 11<sup>th</sup> Endodontic World Congress and turn down 2 out of 3 bidding Member-Societies (India, Thailand and Turkey). So as I said IFEA is doing well !

IFEA's profits will feed both our Education and Research Grants : this is in essence why we work.

When I say "we", I mean that the President can fully rely on four individuals whom I would like to acknowledge :

Past-President Joe Maggio is our contact with our home bank, and keeps our website updated.

Let me remind you that the funding for the development and continued maintenance is possible by the generosity of Axis/SybronEndo.

Treasurer Mark Wotzke is always trying (and trying again) to get the "right" amount of dues and "on time". I surely understand that regulations can make money transfers difficult in some countries but I urge our Member-Societies to react on the first mail of the Treasurer and not wait for the next ones.

Secretary Luke Kim answers, sends back and forth numerous mails of enquiries and questions, and President-Elect, Sam Dorn although still working on the successful partnership with University of Benin, Nigeria as head of the Education Committee, helped the Tokyo Congress organization with establishing ADA Continuing Recognition Program Certification through his contacts within the University of Texas School of Dentistry at Houston.

IFEA is strong and so fragile at the same time : as I mentioned at the beginning of my report, Joe had a surgical intervention and Mark also had some health problems. They are both OK now but this world organisation relies on too few individuals. Worth thinking over....

So I ask the Regent Directors and the Country Representatives from each of our Member-Societies to go headhunting and look for candidates for our different Committees.

In conclusion, it was wonderful past year. Thank you all for your commitment and dedication.  
Patrick Bogaerts, President