

Dear Fellow Officers and Colleagues:

When we voted to reduce the term of office for the members of the Executive Committee from three years to two years, I never expected these past two years to proceed so quickly. Please allow me to share the many positive things that have occurred during the past two years. First our membership has grown to 31 Endodontic organizations. Endodontic societies in Russia, Ukraine, Guatemala , Brazil, Kosovo, Finland and Jordan are now represented with IFEA. Several additional country organizations have expressed interest in membership.

Athens Greece hosted our Eighth World Congress with representatives from 61 different countries. The profit obtained from the most successful meeting has contributed to our positive balance of over \$160,000. A few short years ago, we had balances of less than \$50,000. We continue to award funds for the Laurichesse Research Award and this past year we committed \$20,000 to support the endodontic education of a young man from Nigeria, He will return to Nigeria and help establish an Endodontic Department at one of the dental schools.

This past year our annual General Assembly meeting was held in Rome during the European Society of Endodontology biannual meeting. This was a change from our usual non-Congress year meeting which was held in conjunction with the AAE. Since one of IFEA's objectives is to cultivate and foster international professional endodontic relationships, this change provided such an opportunity.

Thank you to the organizing committee of ESE and the Italian Society of Endodontics for their financial support and encouragement as we brought our AGM to Europe. We look forward to participating in the next ESE meeting in Lisbon, Portugal, Sept 2013.

The plans for the 9<sup>th</sup> World Congress in Tokyo, Japan during the cherry blossom festival in May 2013 is well underway under the leadership of Dr. Suda and his committee. Please plan on attending and encouraging your members to attend this world class endodontic gathering. The organizing committee for the 10<sup>th</sup> World Congress in South Africa is already hard at work. Proposals to host the 11<sup>th</sup> World Congress will be considered at our General Assembly meeting in Japan. If your society is interested, please check the web site for guidelines to host a World Congress under the Reports Section

The web site is now redesigned and we have the ability to more efficiently make changes. As past president, I hope to archive the old reports while keeping the site current. Please send me your country reports as well as the current happenings within your societies. Links to your society web site will keep your officers and contacts updated. The funding for the development and continued maintenance is possible by the generosity of Axxess/Sybron Endodontics.

Our BOD and Executive Committee made this all possible with their dedication and commitment. It has been my pleasure to serve all of you. Thank you Tony, Patrick, Mark and Luke.