

IFEA President's Report

2016

Your Executive Committee has kept very active communicating with Committee Chairs and the 2016 World Endodontic Congress Organizing Committee. I have represented your IFEA at two meetings of the newly formed SELA (Endodontic Society of Latin America) in Sao Paulo and in Recife, Brazil. I also represented IFEA at the Asian-Pacific Endodontic Confederation (APEC) in Amman, Jordan and next year in Delhi, India. I presented IFEA globes to Professor Machado of SELA and to Professor Ibrahim Tahun of APEC for their successful work in their regional organizations and for their support of IFEA. Unfortunately we were not able to meet with the officers of ESE (European Society of Endodontology), but I presented a globe to Dr. Roig, the local arrangements chairman for the meeting in Barcelona, because he was instrumental in arranging for our General Assembly Meeting there in 2015 and arranged for a booth for us to promote this WEC in Cape Town.

We had a very active agenda at last year's Annual General Assembly Meeting (GAM). The By-Laws Amendment concerning the change from a three-year interval between World Endodontic Congresses to a two-year interval was passed. The two-year interval will allow the WEC to be held in even number years, therefore eliminating the conflict with ESE and APEC, which are held in odd number years.

When that amendment passed, the organizing committee for the 2019 WEC, which was to be held in Chennai, India requested to hold their meeting in 2020 so as not to conflict with the 2017 APEC Meeting in Delhi. Several countries presented bids for the 2018 meeting and the General Assembly voted to hold it in Istanbul, Turkey.

Several years ago, IFEA changed their interim meetings from being held only at the AAE to also include ESE. I propose that we also add APEC and SELA to the list for these meeting venues.

During the past year I had the privilege of hearing about, and attending a meeting of the Amazon Project. Dr. Machado from Brazil explained this effort to provide dentistry to underserved areas. This is a project that Dentsply Sirona is supporting and extending to other countries with an instrument package that will be called Project 32.

Dues payment has been a problem for many years due to the international banking situation that we have to deal with. Your Executive Committee has been looking at alternative methods and will be open to suggestions at this meeting. I have to complement Dr. Catherine Ricci and Dr. Mark Wotzke for the marvelous job they have done with an extremely difficult method of dues collection.

Since this is my final report as President of IFEA, I want to thank all of our very talented officers for their tireless efforts through many email discussions. Dr. Luke Sung Kyo Kim is amazing in how he keeps the organization organized, and Dr. Patrick Bogaerts has been kept busy amending the Guidelines for the IFEA Congresses. Dr. Mark Wotzke is the person behind updating our web site and, of course, Dr. Catherine Ricci has kept us financially solvent.

We have a great organization that is doing good things for dentists and patients in many countries, and we will strive to do even better in our future. Thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving as your president for the past two years.

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President