IFEA SECRETARY REPORT 2017

As this is my first report as the IFEA Secretary, I would like to say that it is very much a privilege and a great honor for me to have the opportunity to serve as an IFEA Executive member.

Following the 2016 Annual General Assembly Meeting (AGM) held on June 5th, in Cape Town, with the President Elect, we prepared and emailed Minutes of the meeting to the Officers, Board of Directors and Country representatives for comments, additions and corrections. It was sent by the President-Elect Luke Sung Kyo Kim to the President to be put on the IFEA website.

During the congress in Cape Town, the Executive Committee and the Regent of Oceania, Alan Nerwich, had a meeting to review the Congress Guidelines, which was already modified by Patrick Bogaerts and Alan Nerwich. During this year, we continue this work to be able to propose new Congress Guidelines.

In fact, at the last GAM in Cape Town, numerous changes happened in the Board. We had 3 new Regents: Anil Kohli for Asia, Elisabetta Cotti for Europe and Patrick Taylor for North America. Also Markus Haapasalo left the charge of the Research Committee to Christine Berthold and after Sam Dorn, Gopi Krishna took charge of the Education Committee. Also in the Executive Committee, as the Treasurer moved to Secretary, we had Terry Farmakis who became our new Treasurer. So initially for some months, the Secretary learned from the President-Elect, who was the past – Secretary, the secretarial duties, and the new Secretary helped the new Treasurer for the financial report for year 2016 and the Treasurer’s statement of accounts.

The Secretary continued to update the contact information of the 37 component associations/societies. Each individual society had to provide the list of its new Officers and contact information, but it is always difficult to collect all the information.

For the preparation of this Meeting, the Secretary contacted the different Organizing Committees to have their reports. We asked from the South Africans the final report of the 10th WEC, from Korea, the progress report of the 11th WEC and from India, for the 12th WEC.

The secretary has started to make a timeline to organize the schedule of all the Officers of the Federation.

Finally, I have happily enjoyed this Executive position with President Mark Wotzke, President-elect Luke Sung Kyo Kim, Treasurer Terry Farmakis and Past President Sam Dorn, and I hope to continue working to keep improving our organization.

Respectively submitted

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