



## IFEA SECRETARY REPORT 2018

First of all, it is a great privilege and honor for me to have the opportunity to serve as an IFEA executive officer but I want to apologize for my lack of efficiency during this year due to personal problems. This year has been very intense and, under the impulse of our dynamic president many topics have been treated. Fortunately, we have a very efficient and fast president and most of the time, when I opened emails and before sending an answer, Mark Wotzke solved everything. However, I will try to summarize my activity since the last assembly.

Following the 2017 Annual General Assembly Meeting (GAM) held on April 28th, in New Orleans, the secretary 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.

Just after the New Orleans meeting, the new WEC Guidelines were finalized by the Regent of Oceania, Alan Nerwich, and the Executive Committee.

During the European meeting in September at Brussels, we had an unformal meeting with Mark Wotzke, Elisabetta Cotti, Terry Farmakis and Manoel Edouardo Machado, speaking about the problem of the different regions and about the opportunity to create more regions like Central America and Middle East.

As it was decided previously during the BOD meeting in New Orleans, I sent all the information to the countries of South America for the application for next WEC meeting in 2022 and to European countries for the meeting in 2024. In addition to these countries, many Conference centers from different countries around the world were interested in hosting the WEC and asked to bid for the next meetings, so the secretary had to explain the Guidelines for this meeting. The secretary also had to control the bid of the 3 countries for the next WEC meetings, fortunately our president with his observant eye could quickly note all the gaps that I had not noticed

Also the secretary sent a reminder for the 2018 Research Grant applications and asked to send the applications to the Secretary and explained that the current email address changed also.

The secretary had to manage with the Executive and Gopi Krishna the fact that another society from India wanted to become a member of IFEA with the argument that it was the largest association and the recognized association of the specialty of Endodontic Education. Thanks to Gopi's help and the diplomacy of our president, the two societies finally found a great agreement

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for the next meeting.

The same problem is occurring between the Guatemala Association and the Academy and we will have to find a solution in the next months.

In the bylaws, it is stipulated that the Board have to meet once per year and this year the General Assembly meeting and the BOD meeting have to be during the WEC in Seoul. However, due to a lot of items to discuss, the Executive Officers decided to meet during the AAE meeting last April in Denver. We had an unofficial meeting with the Board of directors, President Mark Wotzke, President Elect Luke Sung Kyo Kim, Treasurer Terry Farmakis, Past president Sam Dorn, Secretary Catherine Ricci, Research Grant Chairperson: Christine Berthold.

The secretary wrote the minutes of this meeting where different proposals were adopted :

- The treasurer proposed to continue now with the Harris Bank, but to collect the dues and all income during the Seoul meeting on the BB&T account, also the profit from the Seoul Meeting will be banked in the BB&T account and then we see how things are going out.
- Dr. Catherine Ricci proposed that Dr. Joe Maggio will continue as Registered Agent, assisted by Karen Maggio, continuing at the current registered address unless circumstances change.
- The motion after the meeting was composed and proposed by Mark Wotzke and subsequently put to the Executive by email. "The IFEA Executive is sincerely grateful to, and thanks Dr Joseph ("Joe") Maggio together with Karen Maggio for the exceptionally longstanding, dedicated and continuing service to IFEA, and in particular for Dr Maggio's role as IFEA's Registered Agent in the State of Illinois." The motion was passed unanimously.

We invited Dr Munoz from Guatemala to explain the situation between the Association and the Academy.

We also had a report on the 11<sup>th</sup> WEC by Henry Kim and Ria Park to explain us the way of advancement of the meeting.

During this meeting we also decided to propose generic addresses for the Executive.

The Chairperson of the Research Grant Committee, Christine Berthold, gave us a report on the activity of the Committee. She explained to us that she wants to extend the Committee to more reviewers and to start she found 4 new members from 4 of our 6 regions: Dr. David Figdor (Australia/Oceania), Dr David Jaramillo (USA/North America), Dr Etienne Medioni (France/Europe), Dr Hideharu Ikeda (Japan/Asia). The conclusion was that we need to have people from South America and Africa and also additional recruitment of reviewers (2 or 3 persons per region)

All future research applications should be sent to the IFEA Secretary and the email address should be posted on the website as well as in the guidelines.

After this meeting, Christine Berthold continued to work on her project and with the agreement of the Executive, the Guidelines of the Grant award have been modified and are now much more precise.

Likewise, our Chairperson of the Education Committee, Gopi Krishna completely overhauled the Education Grant Award to get very clear rules.

This year, many countries wanted to join IFEA, Bangladesh, Chile, Indonesia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, United Arab Emirates and also the Netherlands and Arabia Saudi took some information. The secretary had sent then the application form and try to have all the documents to be able to approve their membership. Fortunately, Ria Park from the organizing committee, our treasurer Terry Farmakis and of course, our president Mark Wotzke helped me a lot. Finally, we got 6 more countries and also Philippines came back into the Federation.

Also, during this year, we had to help the Organizing committee for this WEC and we sent a lot of emails to try to contact all the country representatives.

The secretary had send the Nominations forms to all countries member for the renewing of the Board of Directors.

The Secretary continued to update the contact information of the 41 component associations/societies. Each individual society had to provide the list of its new Officers and contact information. So, please when you fill the application form for dues payment we need to have all your contact persons and email addresses but most of the time it is not fulfill. So please it is one of my requests, it is very difficult to collect all the information and sometimes we have to send many emails to wrong persons and that's a real problem.

During this year, the secretary made 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 and improve our organization.

Respectively submitted

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