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IFEA Immediate Past President's Report - 2020

BOD virtual meeting, Sunday, September 6, 2020,
AGM virtual meeting, Sunday, September 13, 2020

Dear Colleagues,

It's with pleasure that I present the Immediate Past President's report for 2020.

It's been a most challenging year for all of us with the COVID pandemic, and particularly so for IFEA. IFEA's challenges have been exacerbated by the inability of the elected Treasurer Dr Farmakis to fulfil his duties for a considerable period of 2019 and all of 2020 and I do wish him well. Thus, my primary role in this 2nd year of my term as Immediate Past President, particularly since February this year, together with Dr Cathy Ricci, as interim co-Treasurers, has been to review the accounts and continue with the duties of Treasurer. This has taken an enormous amount of my personal time. I acknowledge the hard work of Dr Cathy Ricci and the assistance from Karen Maggio, IFEA Agent in the USA, and Past President, Prof Sam Dorn in updating me with bank statements. The interim co-Treasurers' report is submitted separately and included in the report are recommendations regarding IFEA finance management, which might help prevent the problems encountered during this term being repeated in the future.

My other major role has been managing the website as IFEA website co-ordinator, which also takes much time. Unfortunately, with the time needed for the treasury matters, the website has been neglected for the past 3 months. I hope however, to continue with this in the short term, perhaps till the end of the year following my conclusion at this AGM as Immediate Past President. This is in order to update current activities and add more detail regarding historical appointments and IFEA events, that might soon be lost, because IFEA has no physical office as such. Then it's time for a younger person with imagination and drive to continue with the improvement and maintenance of the website. My thanks are extended once more to *B&L Biotech* for sponsoring the website, and to *Officite* for the website management.

Beside these duties, I have taken an active role in advising on management of the IFEA Jean – Marie Laurichesse Research Award Committee and particularly the assessments, and the IFEA Education Committee, and fostering the on-going momentum that was initiated in my term as President for these important

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committees. I thank the past respective Chairperson's Drs Christine Berthold and Dr Gopi Krishna and their respective proposed successors, Prof. David Jaramillo and Prof. Dr. Mehmet Baybora Kayahan for their dedication and willingness to take on the roles, and the committee personnel for offering their time, support and advice.

It was a thrill to receive the cheque for the profit (US\$57,951.84) from the 11th WEC organising committee this year for the World Congress in Seoul in 2018. I thank the KAE again for the great success of this Congress at the conclusion of my Presidential term. My advice has also still been sought in relation to the organisation of the 12th WEC in Chennai. It's a great pity that the Covid pandemic forced the cancellation of this exciting meeting for September this year. Dr Gopi Krishna, the Congress Organising Secretary and the committee have been working tirelessly and innovatively to bring about the virtual meeting on Sept. 23-26 2020, and re- planning the physical meeting in Chennai, Aug.12-14, 2021. I encourage all to reserve the time, and hopefully the pandemic will subside to the point the Congress can proceed. IES, its organising committee and IFEA deserve success for all their efforts.

As this will be the last occasion I will be addressing you all as an Executive member, please excuse me if I reflect for a moment. I first became actively associated with IFEA in 2002 as Treasurer for the 6th WEC in Brisbane, Australia in 2004, and moved on through the ranks serving as IFEA Oceania Regent, Treasurer, website manager, then President. It's been an honour to work with so many passionate people, including the incumbent President, Prof Luke Kim, President -Elect Dr Cathy Ricci, Secretary Dr Alan Nerwich, former Treasurer Dr Terry Farmakis and past and present members of the Board of Directors and the committees. We all have a common goal with the IFEA members in advancing endodontic knowledge worldwide, in a federation that is truly international. The camaraderie, and lasting friendships made, significantly outweighs the hard work needed by all of us to keep IFEA thriving and fulfilling its charter. I wish the new Executive and Board, led by IFEA's first female President, (congratulations Cathy Ricci!), and IFEA's members the utmost success for the future. I will miss you all, but not the work! I now hope to dedicate the spare time that I hope I will have, to my dear wife Adele and our family, who have been so patient for so many years, when I have not always been there for them.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Wotzke
IFEA Immediate Past President, 2018-2020
