

IFEA President's Report

2015

This past year has turned out to be a very busy one for your Executive Board, Committee Chairs and the 2016 World Endodontic Congress Organizing Committee. I have traveled to SELA (Endodontic Society of Latin America) in Sao Paulo, Brazil, to APEC (Asian-Pacific Endodontic Confederation) in Amman, Jordan and now to ESE (European Society of Endodontology). This has stimulated many member countries of these organizations to inquire about becoming members of IFEA.

We have a very active agenda for this year's Annual General Assembly Meeting (GAM). All member country organizations have been notified about the By-Laws Amendment to be voted on at this meeting concerning the change from a three-year interval between World Endodontic Congresses to a two-year interval. 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. This amendment was discussed at last year's meeting in Seattle and will be up for discussion again.

If it passes, the 2019 WEC, which was to be held in Chennai, India will be held in 2020. This leaves the 2018 meeting up for bids and we have several countries prepared to host this meeting.

Several years ago, IFEA changed their interim meetings from being held only at the AAE to also include ESE. I am proposing 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 will explain this effort to provide dentistry to underserved areas. This is a project that we might want to extend to other countries and take on as an IFEA project. Please listen to him carefully.

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.

I want to thank all of the 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.

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President