



IFEA President's Report

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Dear Colleagues,

It's with mixed of emotions that I present this report today, my second as IFEA President.

We were all particularly very saddened to hear of the passing last year on October 15th of **Dr W.C. "Fred" Weinstein (1939-2017)** following a brief illness. This AGM and the Board of Directors' meeting have been dedicated to the Memory of Fred who is with us in spirit today. Dr Weinstein was a former IFEA President, Chairperson of the memorable 2007, 5th World Endodontic Congress in Vancouver, and a proud and longstanding supporter of IFEA. All of us who had the privilege and pleasure of meeting and knowing Fred will especially cherish the memories of a smiling and gentled mannered Fred. Our thoughts are with his widow, Heather and family. Vale Dr Fred Weinstein.

Time has flown since this current Executive sitting before you and the Regents took Office at the **10th World Endodontic Congress in Cape Town in June 2016**. There have been

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periods in the 28 months following, and on which I elaborated in my previous Presidential report of last year, of the challenges the BOD had been facing. Nevertheless, this term of Office has primarily been one of optimism and opportunity to consolidate and advance IFEA's goals, an opportunity which the BOD eagerly grasped.

Under my stewardship, the BOD has introduced and revised Policy documents to improve the efficiency of IFEA. The first of these was the **IFEA Research Award Committee** itself and the **IFEA Research Award Committee Document**. The newly appointed Chairperson, Dr Christine Berthold from Canada has rejuvenated the Committee and significantly revised and improved the Research Grant Committee Guidelines document. This should be ready for adoption in the near future. The Research Grant assessment process has been streamlined and the Committee has grown significantly in numbers and now comprises members from all of the IFEA Regions. This will reduce the onerous task of assessing the applications, a task that has been previously undertaken by a regular few. I particularly thank Committee Members, Drs Etienne Medioni, (Europe), David Figdor (Oceania) David Jaramillo. (North America), and Hideharu Ikeda (Asia) who assessed the five 2017 applications. We welcome to the Committee Drs Gabriela Martin and Sergio Rosler from South America Region, Alejandra Rodriguez Hidalgo and Dr. Ricardo Williams from the Nth America Region, George Eliades from Europe, and Peter Cathro from Oceania, who will make themselves available on the Committee for future assessments.

The Guidelines for the **Award application process** will also need to be revised so they are in synch with the new Committee Document. Sponsorship of the Awards is also a future consideration. So thankyou Christine for your leadership,

insightfulness and willingness to continue as Chair in the next term of Office.

I am pleased to announce and congratulate once more that the **2016 Jean Marie Laurischesse Research Award** recipients were Drs Marco Bartoli and Davide Musu, both from Italy and awarded US\$2,500 each. The **2017** recipients are Dr Jacqueline Lopez Gross from Toronto Canada, and Dr Manish Khazane from Chennai, India. They have been awarded US\$ 2320 and US\$1200. respectively. To the other applicants for the Award, I also extend my thanks and wish them continued success with their research.

The **Education Committee**, chaired by newly appointed Dr Gopi Krishna from India, has also made significant progress under his guidance. IFEA now has an inaugural **IFEA Education Committee & Education Grant Award Document** approved yesterday at the BOD meeting and which will now provide guidance in assessing and awarding Education Grant. We now need committee members to assist Gopi in his role. The document particularly defines the role of the Committee and the purposes of the Grant to help, develop and establish a department of endodontics in dental schools of countries that do not teach the discipline of endodontics. The Grant may also partly fund the endodontic specialty education of dentists who are from countries that do not have endodontic programs provided that the student agrees to go back to his/her parent country to help in establishing an endodontic department. Thankyou Gopi for your enthusiasm, hard work and your willingness also to stand for another term and foster continuing impetus for the Committee to reach its goals.

The Board of Directors has reconfirmed Dr Joe Maggio, assisted by his wife Karen, as the **IFEA Registered Agent** in the State of Illinois, USA, to ensure IFEA continues to fulfil its

obligations to the State of Illinois where IFEA is incorporated. Joe and Karen have passionately served IFEA for several decades now, and I thank them again for their wonderful and continuing service, their mentoring and support for IFEA.

During my term as President I have been indeed privileged to have been a guest at the AAE meetings in New Orleans (2017) and Denver (2018), the ESE meeting in Brussels (2017, and the Pan Arab Endodontic Conference in Cairo (2017). The warmth and hospitality extended by these associations to my wife and myself has been truly memorable, and exemplifies the cordial and collegiate relationship IFEA has with these major national and international endodontic associations. It was my pleasure also to reaffirm IFEA's bond with APEC via a **Memorandum of Understanding**. We are honored at this 11th WEC in Seoul to reciprocate the hospitality with IFEA guests Dr Patrick Taylor, AAE President, whom also is IFEA's Regent for North America, Dr Dag Orstavick, ESE President, Dr Sanjay Mignali, APEC President, Prof. Mehmet Kayahan, Turkish Endodontic Society President, and Dr Ahmed Hashem representing the Egyptian Endodontic Society.

I'm pleased to announce that the Board of Directors yesterday formally approved the endodontic Associations of **Hong Kong, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and United Arab Emirates and Chile** as new members of IFEA. Representatives of these Societies, please stand. We welcome you into the Federation and look forward to a mutually beneficial and productive relationship with them. The new members increase IFEA's membership to a record number of 41 member associations, and is testament to the growing strength and success of IFEA in bringing together national endodontic associations for the benefit of endodontic education world-wide. The growing number of country endodontic associations joining IFEA from all corners of the

world has evoked consideration by the Board to appraise the **Regional boundaries** of IFEA and whether the current 6 Regions is still in the best interests of IFEA and its members.

As the current **IFEA website** coordinator, I'm aware of the time needed to keep it current, and as mentioned in my previous President's report, we may need to create a dedicated honorary position for the task. Other avenues such as **social media** to circulate IFEA news may also need to be considered. The IFEA member associations are listed with links to their website and I have asked these Associations to consider reciprocating, by placing IFEA's logo on their individual website home pages with a link to the IFEA website. I believe this will readily demonstrate an association's affiliation with IFEA, and give their members more obvious access to our website and increase the likelihood of them being aware of and applying for the Research Award and the Education Grant. IFEA is most indebted to **B&L BIOTECH** for the continuing generous sponsorship of the website.

The revision of the **World Endodontic Congress Guidelines** was completed in this term of Office by the BOD, having been initiated by Oceania Regent Alan Nerwich and past President Patrick Bogaerts. Notable changes include the host Society to receive 40% of the profit instead of 25% and the Congresses are now to be held biennially in the even years. The Board of Directors now choose the Regions for the World Endodontic Congress to ensure a more universal distribution and the bidding process requires the bidders to present a much more detailed bid. Bidding is now also to be undertaken 6 years prior to proposed year of a Congress. Today will be the first opportunity for associations to bid to host the 2022, 13th Congress in South America and the 2024, 14th Congress in Europe under the new Guidelines.

As reported in my previous report, and addressed in more detail in the Treasurer's report, the **banking issues** have been a source of frustration for the members and IFEA for some time. With increased electronic fraud, Treasurer Dr Terry Farmakis and Prof Sam Dorn have been endeavouring to find a system of electronic banking that can be universally used by all member countries, and which is secure, inexpensive and easy to use. We thank you Terry and Sam for continuing to work toward a resolution, and you the members, for your continued patience with this.

I, and President-Elect Dr Luke Kim have been closely liaising with Dr Gopi Krishna the Organizing Secretary of the **12th WEC**, which is Chaired by Dr Anil Kohli and organising Chair Dr M. R Srinivasan and hosted by the Indian Endodontic Society in Chennai, India in September, 2020. The original date for the 2020 Congress was established over 18 months ago as being October 7-10, 2020, and the Congress venue was booked at that time. Unfortunately, when it came to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC) wishing to sign the contract recently (at the time of booking they were advised that the contract could wait until 2 years before the Congress), they were advised that an Indian Government sponsored Trade Fair took priority for those dates. This left the LOC with a serious dilemma as most other satisfactory times for 2020 for the Congress had been booked by others at the venue, and other venues could not be used. Moving the Congress to another year was not possible either.

So, after much consternation and consideration, the dates for the **12th WEC** have been set as **23 to 26 September, 2020**. The Board of Directors and the LOC are acutely aware this date period is between the Jewish New Year (19th September) and *Yom Kippur* (27 to 28th September) and IFEA apologises that

the dates of the Congress will inconvenience Jewish registrants or prevent others registering. The LOC has already consulted a Rabbi in Chennai, in order to provide Jewish attendees, the opportunity for religious observance leading to *Yom Kippur* at the Congress and the days following the Congress. One option is that as Chennai does not have a synagogue, the city of Cochin, a 1-hour flight from Chennai, has the oldest (500 years) synagogue in India. A post- Congress tour is being considered to enable our Jewish colleagues to observe *Yom Kippur* there.

What more praise can be forthcoming for the **11th IFEA World Endodontic Congress** here in Seoul than that which has not already been deservedly heaped upon the Congress host, *The Korean Academy of Endodontics*. Its most enthusiastic and esteemed Organising Committee chaired by Professor Euseong Kim, with Professor Hyeon-Cheol Henry Kim as Chair of the Scientific Committee, Promotion Committee Director A/Prof Su-Jung Shin & Executive Advisor Professor Dong-Sung Park have truly excelled. Indeed, the Congress is living up to its promise of a stimulating, and inspiring scientific program with its enriching social and cultural events. IFEA is also indebted to, sincerely thanks and congratulates the Congress Project Manager, Ria Park and President -Elect Luke Kim. They, together with fellow members from the local organizing committee, the international, local and Country Representative Speakers, the sponsors and the exhibitors have made it a truly unforgettable Congress. Thank you to all concerned.

At the end of this AGM, I'll be signing off as President, with the confidence that this Board of Directors and I have maintained the impetus of our predecessors, enabling the Federation to proceed confidently into its next term of Office. We also will be fare-welling Immediate Past President Prof. Sam Dorn. Thankyou Sam and your wife Lindy also, for your time and

sacrifices over many years as past President, past Regent for North America and past Chair of the Education Committee for IFEA's benefit. We also farewell the Regent for South America Prof Machado and Oceania Regent, Dr Alan Nerwich, both of whom have served with distinction the maximum 6 years as Regent. In particular I acknowledge the contribution from Alan Nerwich in using his knowledge of IFEA business to offer his timely advice and his policy making skills. The fact that Alan is a nominee today for IFEA Secretary is demonstration by him of the dedication he has for the well being of IFEA. Thank you, Alan.

My term in Office would also not have been fruitful without the support and continual advice, guidance and friendship of the Board Members that are remaining for the next term. I sincerely thank the current Secretary Dr Catherine Ricci, Treasurer Dr Terry Farmakis, President – Elect Dr Luke Kim, and the respective Regents of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, and Oceania being Drs Patrick Taylor, Manoel Machado, Anil Kohli, Elisabetta Cotti and Alan Nerwich. To the new Regents from Africa, Oceania and South America to be elected later in this meeting I welcome you to the next Board of Directors. To incoming President, Dr Luke Kim, you have my support and best wishes during your term of office.

The continuing growth, strength and achievements of IFEA as now a truly global federation of endodontic associations is not just a result of the diligence of this and past Executives and Boards. It is also directly attributed to the endeavors of each of IFEA's Member Associations, and you, the personnel within each Association. So, thank you to each and every one of you for IFEA's continuing success.

Finally, and most importantly, however I reserve the greatest appreciation to my dear wife Adele, and our sons Fraser and

Anders for their continual love, patience and understanding during my term as President.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,
Mark Wotzke,
IFEA President.
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