
IFEA Secretary's Report 2025–2026

It has been a great honor and privilege to serve as the Secretary of the International Federation of Endodontic Associations over the past two years. During this period, I have had the opportunity to support President Dr. Elisabetta Cotti and the Executive Officers, while learning from their leadership and contributing to the continued development of IFEA.

The IFEA Annual General Meeting was held during ESE 2025 in Paris in a hybrid format, allowing both on-site and online participation (September 5, 2025; 15:00, Central European Summer Time). During 2026, four Executive Committee meetings were held online on February 15, March 29, May 8, and July 9. An online meeting of the IFEA Board of Directors was also held on July 17, 2026, in preparation for the Sydney World Endodontic Congress and the Annual General Meeting.

The 15th IFEA World Endodontic Congress in Sydney represents one of the most significant events of this term. In addition to preparing for and conducting the Annual General Meeting during the Congress, it has also been a rewarding experience to work closely with the Sydney WEC 2026 Local Organizing Committee in supporting the preparations for a successful international congress. I believe that this collaboration will remain one of the most memorable experiences of my service as Secretary.

One of the important administrative achievements during this period was the revision of the IFEA World Endodontic Congress Guidelines. The revised guidelines were developed to clarify and strengthen the responsibilities of the host society while also enabling the host organization to retain a greater proportion of the congress proceeds. It is hoped that these revisions will provide a more balanced and sustainable framework for the organization of future World Endodontic Congresses.

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Considerable efforts were also made to improve IFEA's communication and digital presence. An official Instagram account was established to facilitate more active and timely communication through social media, in conjunction with IFEA's existing Facebook account.

At the same time, the redevelopment of the IFEA website was initiated. The existing website had become outdated in its design and had limitations in terms of visibility, accessibility, and the efficient organization of information. The new website is intended to provide a more accessible platform for the continuous accumulation, systematic management, and sharing of IFEA's institutional records, educational resources, and activities. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to President-Elect Dr. Gopi Krishna for his valuable assistance and commitment to this redevelopment project.

Under the leadership of President Dr. Elisabetta Cotti and President-Elect Dr. Gopi Krishna, proposals were also introduced to expand IFEA's organizational structure through the establishment of additional committees. These initiatives are intended to strengthen IFEA's activities in social media communication, clinical outreach, evidence-based recommendations, and international professional engagement. Further discussion among the Executive Officers and Board of Directors will help define the responsibilities and working relationships of these committees.

Since its establishment in 2023, World Endodontic Day has become one of IFEA's most important annual initiatives, promoting endodontics while connecting clinicians, educators, researchers, and member societies worldwide. Under the leadership of President-Elect Dr. Gopi Krishna, who serves as Coordinator of the Global Endodontic Symposium, the World Endodontic Day Symposium has continued to develop as a major international educational event.

The symposium held on October 16, 2025 featured special lectures and discussions by Prof. Dr. José F. Siqueira Jr. and Prof. Dr. Jeeraphat Jantararat. For World Endodontic Day 2026, special presentations are being prepared by Dr. Arnaldo Castellucci and Dr. Frances M.

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Andreasen. I sincerely appreciate the contributions of the speakers and all those involved in organizing these global educational programs.

The IFEA newsletter, Spirit of IFEA, was successfully published last year through the tremendous dedication and efforts of Dr. Catherine Ricci. Publication of the next issue has been delayed while the Executive Officers reviewed a sustainable editorial structure and publication plan. During the Executive Committee meeting, it was agreed that this matter would be discussed further in Sydney, with the goal of collecting contributions from member societies by the end of the year and publishing the next issue in early 2027. The upcoming issue is also expected to include reports on World Endodontic Day and the Global Endodontic Symposium.

As I complete my two-year term as Secretary, I remain deeply grateful for the trust, friendship, and collaboration extended to me by the President, President-Elect, Past President, Treasurer, Committee Chairs, Board members, Member societies, and the IFEA Secretariat.

It has been a true privilege to serve IFEA, and I sincerely hope that the Federation will continue to strengthen cooperation among its member societies and further advance endodontic education, research, clinical practice, and patient care worldwide.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Ms. Zeenath of the IFEA Secretariat. Her continuous administrative support, careful coordination, and dedicated assistance with membership and organizational matters have been indispensable throughout my term as Secretary.

Thank you.

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