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IFEA President report – Dr Alan Nerwich. September 2023.

It has been an honour serving as IFEA President since November 2022. At the outset, I would like to report that it has been an absolute pleasure working with the current BOD and members of the Executive committee. IFEA is truly fortunate to have such competent, intelligent and amicable individuals on the BOD and Executive committee who are genuinely dedicated to our organization's goals.

This marks my 11<sup>th</sup> year of involvement with IFEA since becoming the Oceania Regent in 2011. During my tenure as President, communication and engagement with members of the BOD and Executive committee have improved dramatically. Despite our global dispersion, the ability to communicate and meet online has greatly enhanced IFEA's functionality, enabling us to exert more influence, relevance, and collaboration with endodontic groups worldwide.

Over the last year we have continued to move forward on many fronts:

- 1. The recent WEC in Santiago Chile was a resounding success, despite the short notice, with the support the Chilean Association of Endodontics. I extend my gratitude to the team lead by Dr Priscilla Ledezma and Dr Nicolas Ferraro.
- Challenges posed by the Treasury have finally been resolved, thanks to the
  efforts of our past president, Dr Cathy Ricci, our previous Treasurer, Dr
  Elisabetta Cotti and our current treasurer, Dr Patrick Taylor. All outstanding
  awards have been settled and dues are up to date as outlined in Patrick's
  report.
- 3. We have established a secretariat, as decided at the last AGM, which has been instrumental in streamlining IFEA's operations.
- 4. I am pleased to announce that we have secured insurance coverage for all officers and directors of IFEA, an important policy to safeguard against potential litigation. Thank you to Dr Patrick Taylor for his assistance in organizing this insurance.
- 5. We have faced website issues over the past year, resulting in significant delays updating important information. We are obviously dissatisfied with the

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current website managers and are exploring the development of a new website, likely to be created in India.

- 6. We have approved the publication in the IEJ of abstracts for the WEC, Glasgow. This provides recognition for the scientific content as well as promotion of the WEC.
- 7. While Europe was scheduled to host the 2030 WEC, due to India missing out on hosting an onsite WEC during the pandemic, we are considering offering the 2030 WEC to India, pending membership agreement
- 8. At AAE conference in Chicago in May, we met with all the large endodontic associations from around the world. I had the honour of presenting for IFEA as the association with the largest global footprint and the ability to promote and disseminate information efficiently worldwide. All the associations have a common goal to promote endodontics, education. save teeth and improve dental health in general. We hope to be able to collaborate with all these groups in the future to achieve these goals.
- IFEA has initiated the World Endodontic Day, which is the brainchild of our secretary, Dr Gopi Krishna. The details and ideas to celebrate this occasion will be discussed by Dr Gopi Krishna at the BOD meeting and AGM in Helsinki.
- 10. We received an application for IFEA membership from the Czeck Endodontic Society representing the Czeck Republic and look forward to a successful vote to accept the CES into the IFEA family.

Special thanks to our past-president, Dr Catherine Ricci for organizing the venues at the ESE, Helsinki, and for her continuing involvement in all aspects of the federation. Her 35 years of experience with IFEA has been invaluable.

I would like to thank the chairs and members of the research and education committees for the dedication. Unfortunately, there were no worthy recipients of awards this year, however, the education committee are close to publishing guidelines on regeneration and resorption to be disseminated globally. Dr Mehmet

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Baybora will enlighten us further regarding these. Having guidelines such as these enhance IFEA's profile as an educational source.

Thank you to Dr. Jeeraphat Jantarat for her outstanding promotion of IFEA, World Endodontic Day, and the 2024 WEC in Thailand, setting a shining example for local promotion.

I have been in contact with the organizing committee of the Sydney WEC 2026, led by Dr Bill Kahler, which is progressing with speakers and organization.

We received a request from the Italian Academy of Endodontics to join IFEA as a second representative association for Italy. Given the current By-Laws, which allow only one association per country, the Executive Committee will discuss this matter at the Board of Directors level.

I would like to thank Karen Maggio for her continuing management of the IFEA office.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to thank all country members of IFEA for their ongoing support. The global nature of IFEA is our strength and I look forward to welcoming more country members in the future.

Faithfully submitted.

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