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Dear colleagues,

It has been a great privilege and honor to have the opportunity to serve as Past President of our Federation since 2022.

Following the 2023 Annual General Assembly Meeting held during the Helsinki ESE meeting, the Immediate Past President have worked with the Executive Officers in many things including Minutes of the meetings and membership payment.

I participated in many discussions by emails or by zoom about the organization of different WECs and particularly the 2028 WEC at New York, and that in Glasgow.

I help to the promotion of the WED in France contacting the French Dental Association asking them to send the link to all the French practitioners.

With our next President-elect, Elisabetta Cotti, during a meeting in Zagreb, we convinced the Croatian Society to become member of IFEA.

I would like to take this last opportunity to tell you how much I have enjoyed all these 37 years spent within IFEA. Since 1987, when I started working for the Federation, typewriting the Bylaws, modified by Steve Schwartz, Don Arens, Pepe Oynick and Jean-Marie Laurichesse, I never stopped being involved in our Federation. I have known all the presidents and helped them as best I could, as a simple Observer at the beginning, then as a representative of France, while being editor of the IFEA Newsletter with my mentor, Jean-Marie Laurichesse. I believe that since 1997, I have not missed any of the IFEA general assemblies. Maybe it is why Raphaël Minana asked me in 2001 to become Regent for Europe, a task that seemed insurmountable to me, but which I assumed for 3 terms of 3 years.

And it was in 2014 at the AAE congress in Washington that Patrick Bogaerts, Mark Wotzke and Luke Sung Kyo Kim asked me to become treasurer of the Federation. I thus joined the Executive to become President during the pandemic. All these years, spent among you, have been extraordinary moments of camaraderie, listening and have allowed me to form friendships around the world.

It has been an honor to work with such passionate people, such as President Alan Nerwich, the President-elect, my long-time friend Elisabetta Cotti, the Secretary, Gopi Krishna, the Treasurer Patrick Taylor and all the past and present members of the Board of Directors and the Committees. We have always had the same goal of promoting endodontics in a truly international Federation.

Finally, I thank you all for your generous, passionate and well-organized efforts for our organization. I wish the new Executive and Board, and member societies, led by the IFEA new President Dr. Elisabetta Cotti the greatest success for the future. Of course, I will continue to support our Federation from my deep heart but I will miss you all!

Thank you.

Respectively submitted

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