IFEA Secretary report 2019

BOD meeting and GAM Vienna,

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

It is with pleasure that I present the Secretary report for 2019. It has been a great privilege to have the opportunity to serve as the IFEA secretary for the past year.

I would like to thank the other members of the Executive Committee, led by our President, Luke Sung Kyo Kim and President-elect, Dr Catherine Ricci for their hard work, support and dedication to IFEA. We were all saddened and concerned to hear about our Treasurer’s (Terry Fermakis) motor vehicle accident a few months ago, where he suffered injuries. Fortunately, Terry is recovering well and back on board. A special thanks to Dr Mark Wotzke, who always provides support and for his superb management of IFEA’s website.

I would like to thank the Committee Chairs and all members of the committees for their ongoing efforts for IFEA. There have not been many applications for our research and education grants and I urge all Country representatives to encourage their membership to apply for these grants if suitable.

I would like to thank the members and BOD who have provided great support and advice throughout the year.

Finally, I would like to thank Karen and Joe Maggio for their ongoing management of the IFEA office in the USA. As always, they are managing the office perfectly.

The last GAM was held a year ago, in Seoul, South Korea, at the IFEA WEC. The last BOD meeting was held in Montreal at the AAE Congress in April this year.

Since the last GAM the Executive committee and the Board of Directors have been busy on several fronts:

* Much time was spent reviewing the By-Laws and I hope that these changes can be finalized at our GAM today.
* The IFEA executive was alerted early to the Root Cause documentary on Netflix by our South American Regent, Dr Liliana Artaza. IFEA acted in collaboration with the American Association of Endodontics (AAE) who, in their leadership role, managed to convince Netflix and other carriers, to remove this damaging mis-informed documentary from their platforms. The AAE also provided excellent, truthful information related to the concerns of our member associations that we were able to disseminate to our membership. This situation highlights some of the benefits of IFEA membership as a worldwide family of endodontic associations, where we can unite, collaborate, and disseminate information on the world stage.
* The Executive committee is working on Insurances for the BOD and Contracts for the WEC’s.
* The Research and Education grant guidelines and applications have been finalized and can now be found on the IFEA website.
* As we will hear today, there has been good progress with the upcoming WEC’s, and we are all looking forward to the WEC in Chennai next year.
* Bidding for the WEC in 2026, from the Oceanic region, will occur in Chennai at the WEC in Septempber 2020. The Oceanic Regent, Ennio Rebellato has stated that, at the moment, only Australia has shown interest in bidding.
* There have been some enquiries for IFEA membership from several countries, however, no formal applications have been received since the last meeting.

Finally, I believe we have accomplished some great results in the last year and I look forward to building on that in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Nerwich

IFEA Secretary 2018-2020.