INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING

Dear IFHE Members and Friends,

This year has seen an increased level of activity for IFHE across the world. Our people are focused on the key issues and we are expanding our networks and our communication strategies for the benefit of our members. Our mission is to share knowledge and experiences in order to develop our expertise and to build and to develop relationships. We are represented all over the world, not only by engineers, architects and academics, but by all health technicians and experts. As you all know, we live in unprecedented times and we share two key challenges that face our world: *The pandemic and Climate change*.

The last twenty-two months have been a huge challenge to Healthcare personnel in tackling COVID-19 around the globe. As Health engineers we've had to transform and repurpose the spaces where we work to protect both patients and staff. As we carry out our tasks and apply the lessons learnt, we mustn't neglect the other big danger to our health and planet: climate change.

In addition to tackling the pandemic and in alignment with the WHO, the IFHE believes that environmental sustainability - along with patient safety in Healthcare Facilities Management - is the most significant issue.

The IFHE continues to embrace every opportunity to positively promote improvements in its Environmental Sustainability Policy to its member associations.

In January this year, 2021, we had our federation's first online Congress.
The Congress central theme of "*Global Climate Action in pandemic times*" focused on "a new advanced vision of professional aspects, such as planning and design of health facilities, organisation and management, advanced technologies, risk management, sustainability, and resilience, as well as the hospital environment in relation to climate change".

We had the Congress with record numbers of over 1.200 delegates from 61 countries, 87 speakers from 23 countries and three International awards.

Of course, we understand the importance of reducing our carbon footprint and increasing energy efficiency, and so the IFHE has introduced an awards programme for hospitals who demonstrate improved energy efficiency across the globe.

TO OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

MERRY CHRISTMAS
& HAPPY NEW YEAR

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The awards ceremony will take place in *Toronto* in September 2022, during the *27th IFHE Congress*.

During the year we collaborated with the WHO, with rapid healthcare teams of engineers and architects in Latin America and Africa to face health emergencies. At the end of this experience, we had learned to work efficiently with many stakeholders, we were happy to make this contribution to help resolve the problems at some hospitals. We are very proud of the results.

IFHE's activity was highlighted in HEJ news and in meetings organized by IFHE members.
IFHE has participated in many webinars with its representatives and the IFHE's President: 31st AADAIH Latin American Congress 2021, Espacios de Salud (Argentina), IHEEM – Estate Conference (Manchester, UK), HEAJ Conference 2021 (Japan), etc.

The IFHE Council Meeting was hosted in the SMAES 18° International Congress and IFHE International Prospective Seminar 2021, "Regenerate health with Intelligence...Artificial" (Mexico City), a special and innovative Congress.

The Executive Committee meets digitally at least once a month, thus allowing a continuous view on all continents. I especially thank the IFHE Executive Committee for their support during the year.

Thank you all and as President I now look forward to continuing the good work of IFHE, bringing our members a better experience and enhancing our collaborations around the world.

In 2021, I had many opportunities to meet you virtually, but I am looking forward to meeting you physically. To every IFHE member and all our friends, have a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2022, full of serenity, satisfaction and success.

Daniela Pedrini
PRESIDENT