



# IFHE

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## Presidents letter IFHE, Rio Brazil 26-08-2017

Dear IFHE friends,

Since the Exco and Council meeting in the Netherlands last year I fortunately can conclude that we did make progress in several activities. I'm very happy about that, seeing the positive contribution of the IFHE worldwide. I like to thank everybody who had the possibility to give a little time to the IFHE, we need you all, without you this would not be possible.

But there are also still steps to make, unfortunately it is still not 100% answering the IFHE wish yet in what we have to do: bringing the IFHE a level higher. The main purpose is still sharing knowledge and bringing people, who are working in Healthcare Engineering, together and that works, it's even improving. But we all have the same challenge to get more people of country members active for the IFHE. In these it's good that we concentrate our activities on the results of the working groups, sharing the possibilities for education, healthcare masters worldwide and joining each other's congresses. But we still have the goal to improve the quality of healthcare worldwide, sharing knowledge by sending people are with collecting more money to setup supporting projects. We are making progress in that to but I realize it needs more time to do it correct and to follow it by the rules.

I'm proud to share with you the following activities which took place last year:

Number of Exco meetings after seeing each other in April 2016

(This was possible because we did make use of Video Conference calls. )

- 27 October 2016
- 01 December 2016
- 04 April 2017
- 13 June 2017
- Several meetings with the secretariat Andy Wavell Gunnar Baekken

Several visits and activities

- May 2016 I did bring a visit to the Belgium congress.
- July 2016 visit to the back office IFHE in Portsmouth
- September 2016 a Visit to the Brazilian congress in in Salvador
- October 2016 in Panama a Healthcare congress in in combination with a visit to Mexico
- January 2017 the German IFHE language group of DACH in Graz
- March 2017 Healthcare congress in Weiden Germany
- April 2017 I was invited by the Swiss association IHS for their 40 years anniversary.
- May 2017 I was also invited by SMAES Mexico to join their 25 anniversary; Well organised with very interesting visitors.
- End of May 2017 , on my birthday, I did visit Bologna, the European IFHE congress with SIAIS. Good organised congress with around 400 visitors. For the world congress a few steps has to be made.
- Opportunity for Portugal, I did meet some members of Portugal in Bologna, we will look if we can arrange a meeting in Portugal.
- In case of the working group P&R , sponsoring I had are will have several appointments with Phillips Netherlands , Tarkett South America and Mapei Italy, Drager worldwide



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- In September 17-24 a delegation will visit Germany and The Netherlands, thanks to Christian Bender this is possible to see if China can return as a member of the IFHE.

#### Activities around new members

- Paraguay is attending to become a new member
- A delegation of China will visit the Netherlands in September 2017 with the intention to become member again
- We have contact with Sweden, they don't have an association yet what could be member, but we are looking how to help them to make it possible
- There are contacts with Turkey
- Also with Iran.
- A small change to get Russia back

#### Delivering of new are improving existing products and documents: (which we are still working on)

- A fill-up form for the country reports
- An Policy of how to use the Logo of the IFHE
- A user's manual of IFHE logo's and documents.
- A new power point template for presentations
- Concept policy for making use of worldwide sponsoring , a media advertising kit
- Agenda for all the congress activities of all Country Members
- Worldwide education and masters planning
- More newsletters, Christmas and new year greetings to the members

It's good to see how we are making progress with the seven objectives for this period:

#### Echoing the last period I also establish seven objectives for my Presidency of the IFHE:

**1-** Improve the meeting and contact moments between the IFHE Members, Exco, Council and several Working-groups. To the pace of work in the various (working) groups we have to improve the contact moments. At the beginning of the calendar draw up an agenda with all meeting times. With the aim to increase the productivity.

**As you could read the Exco had much more meeting moments.**

**2-** Encourage the quality of working-groups. The working-groups indicate when any product is being supplies. True a planning progress is monitored. The results are shared with IFHE members though newsletters sent by mail and the Digest.

**The working-groups are not running well we have to think about how we can make people more responsible for this, so we can publish the results.**

**3-** Expand the current scope of IFHE to new countries, other societies and scientific institutions. New countries, some to go in Europe, continue Latin America, extra focus on Asia. Agreements are being elaborated with WHO, PAHO and UIA.

**New countries will follow. The contacts with WHO, PAHO are more intense.**

4- Enhance and improve the tools available at IFHE to serve its members. IFHE current publications (Newsletter, IFHE Digest) merit a renewed impetus, and the Digital Library shall continue to be updated and enriched.

The digest is still running very well. Also a few newsletters are produced. The Library needs more attention to the members

5- **Environmental Sustainability.**

- To follow the objectives written in the IFHE Environmental Policy ver1.0; 17<sup>th</sup> April 2016.
- Work set to achieve the objectives

Still running

6- **Raising sponsor money to build more supportive projects**

- To have more decisiveness in setting up projects, sponsorship money is needed.
- Cooperation with development organizations strengthen our decisiveness.
- Recruiting grants.

The first steps has been made, also appointments with companies who are interested.

A concept policy produced how to fill up this need for IFHE. Next step is how to follow up the promises, what can the IFHE offer back.

7- **Promote an accreditation for engineers in HealthCare.**

The realization of a professional recognition for technicians.

On several places worldwide IFHE members do already have an accreditation.

Our goal is to see if it's possible that we can combine this to an overall IFHE accreditation.

Is it possible for countries who has nothing yet to the register of other countries worldwide.

I'm looking forward to the next IFHE year, to work with you all, to share our knowledge for a better healthcare worldwide.

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