



## **IFEH PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OF SUPPORT**

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At the end of a very busy year this Tuesday 29 December in Croatia, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake occurred, according to the American Geophysical Institute (USGS), with an epicenter about 50 kilometers southeast of the capital of Croatia, Zagreb , 2.9 kilometers southeast of Petrinja and 8.7 kilometers southwest of Sisak, at a depth of 10 kilometers. According to reports, the city, Petrinja is in ruins and there are at least seven dead and several people injured and missing.

In a country that is also grappling with the new coronavirus pandemic, the work of the Environmental Health workforce is very important in the sense that people remain outside the home, in the event of further aftershocks , while ensuring social distancing measures are maintained to avoid the contagion of the disease.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Croatian population and especially with our colleagues at the Croatian Chamber of Health Professionals - Department of Environmental and Public Health Professionals and our Academic members from the University of Applied Science Velika Gorica and Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek - Faculty of Food Technology Osijek, reminding them that the global environmental health community are with them, in this difficult moment.

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