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PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Esteemed members of the IFEH, it gives me great pleasure to deliver this New Years message to all of you.

2019 was a very busy year for the Board of Directors as we had elected a new Honorary Secretary and we started the process of making the IFEH more accessible to all our members. We decided as a Board to make sure that there was more transparency and accountability of members on the Board.

The introduction of Zoom as a method of holding meetings was a tremendous success and due credit must go to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Martin Fitzpatrick for all his hard work to make this possible.

It was the first time in the history of the IFEH that a special Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was conducted using Zoom and this was a real success. This now can make it possible for all our National members from all over the world to join our Council meetings and participate in these meetings and in this way making the IFEH more accessible to all our members. This also means that those members that cannot afford to be present at these meetings can now participate fully via Zoom.

The most important task that we have undertaken is developing a Strategic Plan and the implementation of same. We have set up various working groups to work on different aspects of the Plan. The deadline to complete this Task is by the end of March 2020. A lot of good progress has been made and I am appealing to all the team leaders to start finalizing their tasks and the deadline for completion is drawing near.

Let me take this opportunity to thank all the Regional Groups representatives on the Board for their attendance at Board meetings. This is the first time that we are having such excellent attendance at these meetings. This will go a long way to promote good governance in the IFEH.

It was always a concern that the Faculty Forum of the IFEH was operating on its own, without accounting to the IFEH Council.



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The Board of Directors decided to now include the Chairperson of the Faculty Forum in all our Board meetings and this is now happening.

I want to thank the Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Stephen Cooper, for all the hard work that he is doing and making sure that all our finances and records are updated regularly.

The Board of Directors and myself also thank all our members for their support and participation at all times.

We look forward in 2020 to work with you and for your support and participation as always.

A special thanks to the hard-working Webmaster, Mr. Henning Hansen for the many hours he spends to make sure that the website is updated and relevant.

The Newsletters that are done by Mr. Jesper Christensen was well received by members and the Board of Directors thanks the PRO for his efforts.

The editor of our journal, Kathryn Young, a big thanks you for all your time and effort you put into making this possible.

A special thank you to the Honorary Secretary, Mr. Martin Fitzpatrick, who had to take on this position at a very difficult time and I am aware of the many hours you spend trying to make sure that the administration of the IFEH runs smoothly.

Lastly, I want to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year and pray that the Almighty Lord showers his richest blessings upon you all and that 2020 will be a fantastic year for the World and its people.

**Best Wishes,
Dr. Selva Mudaly
President -- IFEH**



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