

PRESIDENT'S letter

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Dear Friends

May I begin by wishing you all a wonderful New Year! A first and major activity to report on is the outcome of the Elections of IBE officers for the International Executive Committee 2009-2013.

I wish to congratulate Mike Glynn, as the new President, Eric Hargis as the Secretary General and Grace Tan as the new Treasurer. I am confident that they will be a terrific team with all their valuable experiences and the great leadership of Mike Glynn.

I sincerely hope that Dr Thanos Covanis will remain active in the IBE with his great expertise and his dedicated focus on children with epilepsy. I also hope that Dr Man Mohan Mehndiratta and Mr Frank Gouveia will continue their great contributions for people with epilepsy. IBE needs all of this great commitment to help it achieve its goals.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected Vice Presidents in the International Executive Committee. I am happy to see Dr Abdulaziz Alsemari (Saudi Arabia), Mrs Mary Secco (North America), Dr Shunglon Lai (Western Pacific) and Dr Carlos Acevedo (Latin America) re-elected for a second term. I am also delighted to welcome some new members to the Executive Committee - Anthony Zimba (Africa), Janet Mifsud (Europe) and Vinod Saxena (South East Asia). All of these Vice Presidents are committed to their work and experienced in the field of epilepsy and I look forward to their important contributions to the progress of IBE in their new positions. I am also confident that the "old" members will take good care of the new ones and that the great and constructive atmosphere in which we work will continue to inspire us. The new committee over assume its duty on 1st July during the General Assembly in Budapest.

You will have been informed of the next election process regarding members to the seven Regional Executive Committees. I would like to encourage all of you to take an active part in the nomination process so all the positions will be filled in due time. Don't hesitate to contact the IBE office if you need further information.

Best wishes to all!

Susanne Lund
President



CONGRATULATIONS!