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Dear members

As is customary at the beginning of every year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your membership, on behalf of the IFIC Board and all our member societies. 2007 sees a major change in the constitution of the IFIC Board of Directors. The term of office of Patricia Lynch, who has led the Federation impeccably over the past 5 years, came to an end in December. Pat, as we all call her, distinguished herself as an outstanding Chair. Her energy and focus was a constant driver for all the Board members and she was at the heart of the major strides that the Federation has made over these past five years, both in terms of quantity (we now are proud to count as our members 70 societies and associations from 58 countries) as well as in quality, as you will note from the year's achievements listed below. We shall miss Pat's insightful presence in our meetings, teleconferences and board interactions as we will also miss Gary French. Gary's commitments meant that he could no longer form part of the IFIC Board but his input into the work on the new edition of Basic Concepts and the accompanying teaching slides is gratefully appreciated. We thank them for their work in these past years and wish them well in their future ventures.

Just like its precedents, the year 2006 was an intensely productive year for IFIC. Please refer to the Annual Report 2006.

We hope you have found the increased activity from the IFIC Board of Directors during 2006 to be valuable to you professionally. We welcome your feedback and suggestions on how we can offer a better service to you.

None of these initiatives would have been possible without your continued support and increasing participation. In the last few years, the amount and complexity of work that IFIC manages to put together, requires ever greater funding.

This year we are again asking you to renew your membership subscription as soon as possible: the forms and details are enclosed. Please let your members know how much we appreciate their support. We would like to work more closely with you to develop some new projects.

Finally, please be sure your email contact information is correct. This is our easiest communication pathway.

Thank you

Michael Borg
Chairperson

Nizam Damani
Treasurer

Ulrika Ransjo
Secretary