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EDITORIAL

This issue of the IFHE NEWSletter is the first to be produced after the federation's forty-fifth Council meeting and its twenty-second international congress, which took place from 13 to 17 April 2012 on the unique onboard venue of Hurtigruten's MS Midnatsol. For those who boarded the ship in the sleet and snow of Kirkenes, and those who made a midnight arrival in relatively milder weather at Tromsø, it was a memorable "voyage through International and Norwegian hospitals". *International* in terms of the papers presented and *Norwegian* in terms of the several interesting shore visits to local hospitals. FSTL are congratulated on organising a most successful event - a report of which, contributed by the new General Secretary, Gunnar Baekken, appears below. The Council meeting major discussions and decisions are summarized; and the IFHE President for April 2012 to October 2014, Ole Rist, has continued the established practice of contributing material towards the PRESIDENTS COLUMN.

PRESIDENTS COLUMN

The following is an edited version of an article provided on 04 July 2012 by Ole Rist, IFHE President 2012-2014

In the January 2012 Newsletter, Yasushi Nagasawa expressed his sincere appreciation of, and thanks for, the many messages of support he received from IFHE members around the world following the tsunami disaster. We are pleased to see how the Japanese people have dealt with much of the damage caused; but clearly some wounds will not be healed for many years. Those of us who attended the IFHE Congress in Tokyo, will have happy memories of that successful event with its excellent organisation and infrastructure. We thank HEAJ for being such good hosts.

It is more than two months since the April 2012 biennial congress "A voyage through International and Norwegian Hospitals", and the preceding IFHE Council meeting when Yasushi Nagasawa, on completion of his term as president, handed over the insignia of office to me. It is with honour and respect that I succeed Yasushi as IFHE president.

The Council meeting agenda included one particularly important item - the selection of a National member organisation to organise the 2016 Congress. Applications had been received from SIAIS/FENATO Italy and NVTG Netherlands and presentations in support of their bids were made by Marcello Fiorenza and Douwe Kiestra respectively. The outcome of the vote is that the 2016 Congress will be hosted by NVTG Netherlands. I would like to thank both organisations for putting forward applications and congratulate NVTG on being selected. Douwe consequently will join the Executive Committee as Second Vice President and he is very welcome.

The Executive Committee (as reported in the summary of CM45 decisions below) comprises several new members who also are welcomed. I am sure that the new Executive Committee members will work for the benefit of IFHE to the best of their ability. To assist me in carrying out my responsibilities as President, the commitment and involvement of the committee as a whole will be required. I trust and hope that inclusion of persons representing all the major regions of the world will serve to strengthen the federation, and facilitate dissemination of ideas and knowledge to many more hospital engineers universally.

I would like to mention the East Africa initiative run by SAFHE with some support from IFHE. It is our aim to further this initiative by encouraging SAFHE to host more structured technical courses in the future.

I would also like to highlight the promotion of IFHE in Latin America, spearheaded by AADIAH Argentina in conjunction with SUAIH Uruguay and ABDEH Brazil. Liliana Font's report in Council on encouraging developments in that region was well received, and promises well.

During the 2010 congress in Japan, delegates representing IFHE National members in China and Korea were welcomed. In Norway we had the pleasure of welcoming Ms Dong Yu as the first-time Council representative of HASRB China. We look forward to developing the association with HASRB. Mr Karma Wangdi from the Department of Health in Bhutan was a special and very welcome guest of FSTL at the 2012 Congress.

I favour closer relations with WHO. To further that relationship Paul Merlevede of VTDV Belgium has been nominated as IFHE liaison with WHO. He was mandated to attend to the World Health Assembly in May; make contact with the recently appointed WHO Designated Technical Officer and explore and develop plans for collaborative activities.

In regard to the IFHE website, the intention is to continue developing the library as a vivid and up to date "room" for technical information under the guidance of past president Francisco Castella. I encourage all members of IFHE to contribute to, and make full use of, this valuable resource

Relative to the annual IFHE DIGEST, Andy Wavell will continue as liaison with STEP Communications in facilitating compilation and production of this joint publication. He has been encouraged by the increased interest of colleagues internationally in contributing excellent articles on a range of relevant topics. The acceptability of a digital version is being canvassed.

I wish you all a pleasant summer / winter. We will come back later in the year with more information and challenges.

Sincerely, *Ole Rist*

The following is an edited version of an article prepared by Ole Rist, in regard to his attendance at the IHEEM Northern Ireland Branch biennial conference..

As President-Elect, I received an invitation from IHEEM's Northern Ireland Branch to visit Ireland and attend their biennial conference on 23 and 24 May 2012. I accepted promptly and communicated with the secretary Joanna Doughty regarding practical aspects of the visit. The conference venue was the Slieve Donard Hotel and Spa set in the beautiful surrounding of Newcastle County Down.

The opening session included welcoming addresses by me as IFHE President; Paul Kingsmore, IHEEM President; and Nigel Keery, Chairman of the Northern Ireland branch. Delegates numbered about two hundred. The programme covered several topics, which were well presented. Delegates had many opportunities to visit the concurrent exhibition comprising over forty stands, three of which, because of their large dimensions, were positioned outdoors: 1. mobile power-plant with co-generation; 2. mobile operating theatre; and 3. transportable cooling and heating unit.

Prizes were offered and awarded to those delegates who had visited all the stands.

In the exhibition I came across a company which had developed water taps with ultraviolet light designed to provide tapwater clear of Pseudomonas bacteria. These bacteria in some cases can be fatal for new-born babies. A paper presented on the second day of the conference by Dr Anne Loughrey discussed the recent outbreak of Pseudomonas.

On the social side, a conference dinner was served on the evening of 23 May. Following the splendid meal, delegates were entertained by an excellent stand-up comedian, who exploited many points of elements derived from the audience.

I congratulate the Northern Ireland Branch on the success of its conference, and look forward to future cooperation.

I express my gratitude to IHEEM for affording me the opportunity to represent IFHE at this well-organised event.

IFHE 22nd CONGRESS 2012 NORWAY 14 TO 17 APRIL 2012

The following is a slightly edited version of a report prepared by Gunnar Baekken ,

The 22nd IFHE Congress on Hurtigruten's MS Midnatsol was a great success. To arrange the event on the unique venue of coastal liner from Tromsø to Bergen was a bold and exciting decision made by FSTL. An impressive, high quality programme on a calm sea and with clear sky and sun – yes, it had to be a success.

Almost 400 participants from 34 countries participated. "This is something I will remember for the rest of my life" says Salome Mwaura from Kenya. With Sam Wanda from Uganda, she put East Africa on the IFHE map. Her presentation about facilities management and administration in health care; and Sam's paper focussing on the positive use of solar energy to secure stable power supply in Uganda's health sector; earned them prizes as best presentations .

The Scientific Committee, which adjudicated the papers, had such a large range of good papers to consider, that they decided to name two winners in each of the categories: In the field of hospital design and architecture, Luciano Monza of Argentina and Per Christian Brynhildsen of Norway were selected. Their presentations respectively covered three types of hospital buildings based on similar technology, and the relationship between human beings and hospital buildings.

Coupled with Salome Mwaura was Anne Katrine Larssen of Norway, who focussed on strategic thinking and building design. With Sam Wanda was Louis Sterling Gonzales of Spain, whose presentation was titled "The New Energetic Plant Hospital Universitario 12de Octubre Madrid".

The 47 papers presented attained a high scientific standard. The presentations were actualized, excellent, direct and challenging. "It was obvious that the scientific committee had done a lot of work " said Roger Albertijn from Belgium.

"We did a lot of work with quality assurance of the presentations" said the scientific committee chairman Øystein Jensen.

The wide spectrum of presentations dealt with aspects of architecture, facilities management and administration and technology including: Master plan development of a children's hospital; architectonical challenges in modern hospitals; use of natural light; climatic and social challenges in South America; use of BIM in Norwegian hospitals; benchmarking; risk management; effects of quality and investments; safety in ventilation systems; logistics in hospitals; relations between technical and clinical work in hospitals.

During the congress technical visits were made to: the University Hospital in Nord-Norge; Stokmarknes Sykehus; St. Olav's Hospital in Trondheim; and Haukeland Hospital in Bergen.

This was a great congress. It started in fact in Kirkenes on 12 and 13 April with the IFHE Executive Committee and the Council meetings on board ship. Sailing through Norway coastal waters was an exhilarating experience.

More information, pictures and proceedings can be found on www.ifhe.info . See you all soon again. And thank you for coming to Norway. Gunnar.

IFHE 22ND CONGRESS –LAWRIE'S NIGHT – A TRIBUTE TO LAWRENCE G HADLEY

On the evening of Sunday 14 April aboard the MS Midnatsol, Council members and congress delegates celebrated in memory of the late Lawry Hadley, IFHE President 1998-2000.

Vidar Smalas of FSTL orchestrated the "sing-along" programme, which included Beatles and Rod Stewart favourites; oldies such as *What shall we with the drunken sailor* , *Frere Jaques* and *It's a long way to Tipperary*. The adjacent well-attended bar contributed to the chorus of well-lubricated voices.

Bernard Shapiro, IFHE General Secretary 1998- 2012, took the opportunity to provide the participants with background to the occasion. His quotes from correspondence with Brian Hadley – Lawrie's son – are repeated below:

On 16 October 2008 Brian wrote: *My father held IFHE in great esteem. As an executor of his estate, I would like to make you aware of the following provision for a cash gift contained in his Will:-*

"To the General Secretary for the time being of the International Federation of Hospital Engineering whose administrative office is situate at 2 Abingdon House Cumberland Business Centre Northumberland Road Portsmouth Hants PO5 1DS the sum of One thousand pounds (£1,000) for the provision of drinks and refreshments for all Council members attending the next or most convenient Congress Council Meeting of the International Federation of Hospital Engineering following my death as a small recognition of the wonderful friendship and good company which I have enjoyed and treasured over many years."

21 July 2009 Shapiro wrote: *Many are the times, during the course of my dealing with IFHE matters, when I recollect, and miss, the interaction with Laurie, which smoothed the way to resolution of seemingly intractable problems. Laurie had a special relationship with FSTL, the Norwegian association, and attended several of its events during, and after, his term as IFHE President. He was awarded honorary membership of that organisation. I therefore have in mind putting to the IFHE Executive Committee a proposal that the bequest be utilised - for the purpose expressed in the will - during the course of the IFHE International Congress in April 2012 to be hosted by FSTL Norway. That organisation, I believe, provided a significant proportion of the opportunities for "the wonderful friendship and good company" Laurie "enjoyed and treasured over many years", and I think that Laurie would have looked forward to participating in another Norwegian event.*

Brian replied: *In recent months, I have, of course, had to go through Dad's papers, including his numerous IFHE files. It has become clear to me he was much more deeply involved than he had indicated over the years! His involvement certainly helped satiate his thirst for involvement in professional organisations at the most senior level, as well as travel and building relationships.*

The FSTL did send flowers for the funeral and I was touched by e-mails from Ole Rist and others. On the basis it is likely that significantly more of his former colleagues would be likely to attend the Norwegian Congress rather than Tokyo and having regard to his involvement with FSTL over the years, I think your suggestion that the IFHE LGH 'event' take place at the Norwegian IFHE Congress in April 2012 is a good one and I am very happy for you to proceed on that basis. I believe LGH would also be very content with this arrangement.

Shortly before this congress Brian wrote: *It would be appreciated if perhaps you could kindly invite Mr Rist to mention, when he addresses participants at the events that "Laurie's son, Brian, his wife, Diane, and their family have drawn much comfort from the kind condolences and recollections of Laurie they received from IFHE members, confirming the high regard and esteem in which he was held and that they are very grateful for those messages of support".*

IFHE COUNCIL MEETING No. 45, 13 APRIL 2012, NORWAY MAJOR ISSUES DISCUSSED AND DECISIONS RECORDED

An IFHE letter in this regard was sent to Council members on 03 July 2012. An abbreviated version follows:

Council Meeting No 45 was held on Friday 13 April 2012 on board Hurtigruten's MS Midnatsol en route between Kirkenes and Tromsø, Norway.

Attendance: Thirty seven persons were present. Twenty National member organizations were represented.

Minutes of meeting no. 44 held in Paris on 03 June 2011 were approved

Membership promotion Latin America - application for IFHE membership from the Chilean association is anticipated during the course of the year, and may be referred to IFHE National members for a postal vote.

East Africa. Council accepted a proposal that IFHE agree to sharing in the cost of a similar programme to be organised by SAFHE in 2013.

Applications for membership Council ratified the acceptance of Ricardo Duarte of Costa Rica as an Associate member and Courtney Thorne Ltd of the UK as an Institutional member.

Existing National member - change of name: Council approved the FSD Denmark request for transfer of its national membership to the newly constituted FSTA, effective 01 January 2013.

Administrative support service provider agreement extension: IHEEM agreed to extension of the agreement beyond January 2012. An updated agreement has been signed by IHEEM and IFHE.

IFHE Newsletter. Council agreed that production and distribution of the newsletter be continued under the editorship of the incoming General Secretary..

Health Estate Journal. Council agreed that distribution of the HEJ International issues should be continued. Andy Wavell was nominated to act as IFHE liaison to communicate with the HEJ Editor. Possibility of access by IFHE members to an electronic version of the HEJ issues is to be investigated.

Website. FSTL Norway agreed to continue its contribution toward the maintenance of the website. Francisco Castella acceded to continue his work in creating the website library of articles.

IFHE Booklet: Council agreed that a working committee appointed by the Executive Committee formulate recommendations in regard future evolution of the booklet. Archive material currently only in hard copy is to be scanned and sorted. An allocation is made in the 2012 and 2013 budgets for this purpose.

Financial statements for the period 01.01.2011 to 31.12.2011. Financial audited statements for the year ending 2011 were presented to, and approved by, Council.

Fees and subscriptions. Council accepted that the fee scale approved for 2012 be retained for 2013, pending a report on, IFHE income and expenditure trends for the last 10 years.

Asset usage. Council approved support by IFHE for a SAFHE 2013 proposal similar to the East Africa initiatives implemented in 2009 and 2011.

World Health Organisation (WHO) liaison. Paul Merlevede of VTDV was appointed to represent and speak on behalf of IFHE at the World Health Assembly in May. He will establish contact with the recently appointed Designated Technical Officer, Dr Adriana Velasquez.

Joint publication – IFHE Digest. Council considered that continuation of publication of an annual Digest is desirable and of benefit to its members. As a means to reducing cost of production, Council agreed that National members be sent a questionnaire to establish the acceptability of a digital version, and to determine the extent to which the number of mailed copies individual and bulk may be reduced. Andy Wavell was designated to continue as IFHE liaison with the publisher.

24th Congress 2016. After presentations by Marcello Fiorenza SIAIS Italy and Douwe Kiestra NVTG Netherlands, National members present at the meeting cast their votes in a secret ballot. President Yasushi Nagawasa announced the selection of NVTG to organise the 24th congress at the Hague in April 2016.

Statute and Standing Orders review. Council agreed that a working group be mandated to review the current Standing Orders and to prepare an updated version.

Election of President for 2012-2014. Ole Rist was duly elected President.

Election of Immediate Past President as 'E' Honorary member. Immediate Past President Yasushi Nagasawa was declared an Honorary member.

President's nominations for General Secretary and Treasurer. Council approved Rist's nomination of Gunnar Baekken and Steve Drinkrow for the positions of General Secretary and Treasurer respectively.

Officers: President – Ole Rist; Vice President – Liliana Font; Second Vice President – Douwe Kiestra; Past President – Yasushi Nagasawa; General Secretary – Gunnar Baekken; Treasurer – Steve Drinkrow.

Additional members' appointment by President: Rist named the following persons: Ronnie Browne of IHEEM UK; Darryl Pitcher of IHEA Australia; Steve Rees of CHES Canada.

15.0 Next Meetings

2013. Executive Committee meeting 38 Monday 03 June; Council Meeting 46 Tuesday 04 June
Kuala Lumpur Conference Centre (KLCC) Putrajaya, Malaysia

2014. Executive Committee meeting 39, Saturday 11 October; Council meeting 47, Sunday 12 October
Buenos Aires, Argentina on occasion of IFHE 23rd International Congress.

2016. Executive Committee meeting 40, Saturday 16 April; Council meeting 48, Sunday 17 April
Amsterdam, Netherlands on occasion of IFHE 24th International Congress.

EVENTS CALENDAR

IFHE members are invited to submit information regarding forthcoming events for publication.

2012

15-18 July **ASHE 49th Annual Conference and Technical Exhibition**, San Antonio Convention Center, San Antonio, Texas. ashe@aha.org; www.ashe.org

4-7 September **ABDEH V Congresso** "Ambientes de Saúde: Projetos, Práticas e Perspectivas." Bourbon Convention Ibirapuera Avenida Ibirapuera, 2.927, São Paulo SP Brasil. www.abdeh2012.com

12-13 September **WGKT TK 2012** Medizinischen Hochschule Hannover. wgkt@wgkt.de www.wgkt.de

23-25 September **CHES 32nd Annual Conference**, Palais des congrès, Montréal, Quebec, Canada. "Towards World Class Healthcare". ches@eventsmgt.com. www.ches.org

25-28 September **OVKT Tagung 2012**

03 -06 October **IHEA Healthcare Facilities Management Conference**. "Back to Basics". Hotel Grand Chancellor, Hobart, Tasmania. www.ihea.org.au

4-6 October **SIAIS - U.O.C.** 8° Congresso Nazionale per Operatori degli Uffici Tecnici. Tecnologia e Sanità. La sanità tra tagli e bisogni. Rieti, Italia. Promotore del Congresso Tecnico Patrimoniale Azienda USL Segreteria Organizzativa DR Consulting e-mail segreteria.tecnologia@gmail.com

09-10 October **IHEEM Healthcare Estates Conference & Exhibition**, Manchester Central Convention Centre Call for Papers office@iheem.org.uk www.iheem.org.uk

29 October - **Water and Health Conference: Science, Policy and Innovation**. The Water Institute at UNC Chapel Hill, North Carolina USA. Call for Abstracts: whconference.unc.edu. www.waterinstitute.unc.edu

02 November **AADAIH 23rd Latin American Congress for Hospital Architecture and Engineering**

13-16 November **AADAIH 23rd Latin American Congress for Hospital Architecture and Engineering** Ciudad de la Plata, Buenos Aires, Argentina. www.aadaih.com.ar

2013

03 June **IFHE Executive Committee meeting 38** Kuala Lumpur Conference Centre (KLCC) Putrajaya

04 June **IFHE Council meeting 46** Kuala Lumpur, Conference Centre (KLCC) Putrajaya, Malaysia

05 – 07 June **BEAM and ASEAN Hospital Engineering Conference 2013** Kuala Lumpur, Conference Centre (KLCC) Putrajaya, Malaysia

2014

03 October **IFHE Executive Committee meeting 39** Buenos Aires, Argentina

04 October **IFHE Council meeting 47** Buenos Aires, Argentina

05-09 October **IFHE 23rd Congress** organized by AADAIH at UCA University Av Alicia Moreau de Justo 1300 Buenos Aires, Argentina. "Healthcare Facilities in times of Radical Changes"

2016

16 April **IFHE Executive Committee meeting 40**, Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

17 April **IFHE Council meeting 48** Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam, Netherlands

18-20 April **IFHE 24th Congress** organised by NVTG at the World Forum, The Hague, Netherlands. "Healthcare Engineering creating effective and efficient care world-wide".

IFHE AND 'A' NATIONAL MEMBERS' WEBSITES

Members are requested to keep IFHE informed about changes in contact details and website addresses.

A001 IHEEM UK www.iheem.org.uk

A003 IHF France www.ihf.fr

A007 ASHE USA www.ashe.org

A009 IHEA Australia www.ihea.org.au

A012 VTDV Belgium www.VTDV.be

A014 IHS Switzerland www.ihs.ch

A017 WGKT Germany www.wgkt.de

A020 HEAJ Japan www.heaj.org

A025 AADAIH Argentina www.aadaih.com.ar

A032 SUAIH Uruguay www.suaih.com.uy

A035 ABDEH Brasil www.abdeh.org.br

A040 OVKT Austria www.ovkt.at

A042 KIHA Korea www.ikiha.org

A044 SIAIS Italy www.siais.it

A002 FENATO Italy www.usppi.info

A006 NVTG Netherlands www.nvtg.nl

A008 NZIHE New Zealand www.nzihe.org.nz

A010 SAFHE South Africa www.safhe.co.za

A013 AEIH Spain www.aeih.org

A015 FSD Denmark www.sygehusmaskinmestre.dk

A018 CHES Canada www.ches.org

A024 FKT Germany www.fkt.de

A028 FSTL Norway www.fstl.org

A033 UNAMHE Uganda www.unamhe.org

A038 AFHE Finland www.ssty.fi

A041 IHE India www.iheindia.org

A043 BEAM Malaysia www.beam.org.my

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