

IABERD PRESIDENT REPORT to the IABERD GENERAL ASSEMBLY (June 15, 2018)

Dear Colleagues:

I have had the privilege to be the President of IABERD for the last four years. I am very pleased to be able to tell you, with high confidence, that the new President, Laurence Roy, will do an outstanding job building on the positive developments that have occurred in the time that I was President. The progress that we have made as a society has occurred because of the enthusiastic and effective direction provided by the executive committee consisting of Laurence Roy (vice-President), Ruth Wilkins (Secretary) and Francois Trompier. We also have been strongly helped by the input of our scientific advisory committee.

We have, I believe, made many significant advances in our Society, including:

1. Expanding and improving our Website, which now provides a central source of information and for input from our members
2. Formalized and stream-lined the process for establishing and continuing membership, via our website
3. Provided support for young scientists in several effective ways such as the awards at the meeting and other financial support. Actively planning to expand this financial support, but that depends on the participation of the members, including paying dues, recruiting other members, and getting support from companies. Planning augmented teaching at the next meeting)
4. Regularized and improved the methods for organizing our periodic meetings
5. Had a very successful meeting in June, 2018, in Munich, under the leadership of the local organizers, all of whom are members of our Scientific Advisory Committee.
6. Maintained and extended our financial base.
7. Begun the important task of providing well informed scientific input into the planning process for the effective use of Biodosimetry.

I am very glad to confirm that I intend to continue a high level of activity within IABERD, responding to the requests of our new President, the executive committee, and the scientific advisory committee.

With many elements of the forward pathway established, I am confident that we will continue to grow in numbers and positive scientific impact with the excellent new leadership that is already in place. I also am confident based on the high level of enthusiasm demonstrated at the meeting in Munich, that our future is bright.

Respectfully submitted

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President of IABERD

It is the end of the IABERD President's report.