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### **President's Welcome - June 2017**

Dear IFHE colleagues and friends,

It doesn't seem possible but It's already a year since the world-congress was held in The Hague Netherlands. Since then a lot has happened with IFHE.

A notable event was the European Congress at the end of May in Bologna Italy where I was honoured to be representing the International Federation of Hospital Engineering.

The Conference was very well organised and my congratulations go to the President Daniela Pedrini and her colleagues. Daniela Pedrini is also to be congratulated on becoming the first woman to become the president of IFHE-Europe. I wish Daniela good luck and look forward to cooperating with her improve both IFHE and IFHE EU



Cooperation is indeed so very important, especially at congresses which is one of the most important goals and has the possibility to bring changes to IFHE as happened at the Conference in Italy and can also occur worldwide. I notice lately that this is more and more necessary.

As I said before; In April last year the World Congress took place in The Hague and it still gives me very good feelings looking back to that. We had, as well as the spectacular opening and dinner event in the Laumann car museum, a few special items such as the library and building awards. We also made some promises to improve the contributions of IFHE in Europe worldwide. You remember the theme... "Sharing knowledge for a better healthcare worldwide"

For our members or for students who are interested in working in Healthcare as for example an Architect or Engineer, but also for those who are already working in healthcare, developing, building or maintaining the care and cure buildings we need.

We have different working-groups such as Environmental Policy, Safe Hospitals, Standardisation and Regulation, Social Media and PR, Sustainability and Educations.

What we saw was a very enthusiastic group of people, with members from different countries joining the working-groups but the reality shows us now that it is difficult to get everybody together, unfortunately sometimes we don't get a response at all.

That's why I kindly ask for your attention on this item, it's so important that the groups deliver the products they (we) promised so that IFHE can be publish them and share the knowledge with all our worldwide membership and all those who are interested in it. We do need your help as without your contribution it will not be possible to make the IFHE groups a success.

The end of August we will explore this further during the Exco and Council meeting in Rio at the National Conference of Brazil. A very important question which we want to address is: What does the IFHE member expect from IFHE? How can we make this happen and what is necessary to realise it and what will be the contribution of our members? So I hope that every member country will attend Rio and send at least one Council member.

I would like to invite everybody who is able to and has the possibilities to join a working group. For example, the working group Education:

We will bring all educational possibilities, offers and studies together in one publication. All our members will easily see what is available, around the world and how to participate. In some countries there may be the possibility of scholarships. The IFHE European Council signed an intention for scaling up of a masterclass which already exist in the German language and now also in English for all our students and members, during the IFHE-Conference. This is an important step to show the benefits of IFHE.

Therefore, we need you to join in with the technical development, architecture, sustainability and safety in and around hospitals. There are so many opportunities to make IFHE better on the world map.

So I'm looking forward to meeting you all in Rio de Janeiro.

**Douwe Kiestra**  
**President IFHE**



## IFHE Digest 2018

### Guidance for authors

The IFHE Digest 2018 will examine a wide range of topics covering the optimal running of healthcare facilities. Authors considering contributing an article should, in the first instance, email a synopsis, in English, of about 200 words to the editor at Step Communications ([ifhe.editorial@stepcomms.com](mailto:ifhe.editorial@stepcomms.com)). The synopsis should be received no later than 26 May 2017. When the go-ahead for contributing has been given, the author must confirm that the article deadline, 11 August 2017 will be met. Confirmation should be sent to [ifhe.editorial@stepcomms.com](mailto:ifhe.editorial@stepcomms.com). The full article must be written in English with a length of between 1,500 and 2,500 words. Brand/company names should not be mentioned repeatedly. Article text should be typed using double line spacing with wide margins on each side of the page and with a space between each paragraph. The completed article, saved in a Microsoft Word document, should be sent to [ifhe.editorial@stepcomms.com](mailto:ifhe.editorial@stepcomms.com) with relevant illustrations – these should be high-resolution jpeg images (minimum of 300 dpi and at least 75 mm wide) or contained within a Microsoft PowerPoint file. A biographical note, of about 100 words, for each author should be submitted together with a high-resolution photograph of each author. References must be listed in sequential order. If a published article is the subject of a reference, the surname and initials of each author must be included, along, as applicable, with the year of publication, the title of the article, the name of the publication (in full and italicised), the volume number, the part number (in brackets) and the page numbers. For example: Tennant R., Marsh P.L., Smitherson T.A. 2008 New approaches to hospital ventilation *International Journal of Hospital Ventilation* 19 (4) 145-148.

### Contents –Suggested Topics

Acoustics / noise reduction	Maintenance
Architecture / building design	Medical gases
Building management systems	Operating theatres (design and maintenance)
Catering (equipment and services)	Patient communication / entertainment
Construction (including modular build)	Radiology (implications of technology advances for facilities)
Decontamination	Security
Emergency strategies	Storage (optimising and new approaches)
Energy Management (efficiency, power generation, 'green' technologies, reduction of emissions)	Sustainability
Facilities management	Training
Fire safety	Ventilation
Indoor air quality	Washrooms
Infection control / isolation facilities	Waste handling and streaming
Information technology	Water systems
Lighting	Wayfinding



## **IFHE Working Group Reports**

### **Working Group 3 Publications - Report**

The Digest for 2017 was published on time and so far has received positive comments.

An editorial panel has been appointed for the 2018 issue. Despite all member organisations being circulated on more than one occasion no articles have been received. I attach a copy of the Authors note and subject list and hope there are budding contributors out there who will supply an article for the 2018 Digest. Without this publication the organisation stands to lose an important income and more importantly knowledge and information will not be shared around the world.

The IFHE Library has now been updated with articles from various sources and these are now available to view in the Library section of IFHE website [www.ifhe.info](http://www.ifhe.info)

### **Working Group 7 Standing Orders and Statutes - Report**

Updates to the Standing Orders have now been agreed by the Working Group and will be discussed by the Exco at its next meeting prior to being recommended to Council at its next meeting in Brazil. The amendments now take on board those areas which members felt needed more explanation and clarification.



## IFHE Council Meeting and ABDEH Congress – Rio 2017

The event, which will take place from August 27 to September 1 at the Rio Othon Palace Hotel in Copacabana, Rio de Janeiro (RJ), will host the IFHE Executive Committee Meeting on August 27 and 28, Meeting of the IFHE Council and the International Seminar and workshops for the 29th and 30th of August. The days August 31, September 1 are reserved for technical and cultural visits in Rio de Janeiro. *"The holding of the IFHE 2017 International Seminar in Rio de Janeiro is an important milestone in the history of our association. As a result of the growing participation and representativeness of ABDEH in the international scenario. We believe that, especially in this complicated time that passes our planet, with the (re) construction of walls, events like this International Seminar become even more essential, for providing the necessary Exchange and socialization of fundamental knowledge for human development,"* says the architect Marcio Nascimento de Oliveira, President of ABDEH.

*"The city of Rio de Janeiro will have the opportunity to promote the most important international event to discuss aspects related to the architecture and engineering of buildings for health. In this same period, there will also be a meeting of the associations of architecture and hospital engineering of all the continents. More than 50 countries from all five continents and their respective representations will discuss the future of buildings and environments for health services"* says architect Fábio Bitencourt, President of IFHE RIO 2017.

Registration and more information can be obtained through the website:

<http://www.ifherio2017.com/index.php>



## IFHE Europe Meeting Bologna, Italy

**SIAIS** (Italian Society of Architecture and Engineering for Healthcare) association of Italian Hospital Engineering is proud to organize the 7<sup>th</sup> Congress of IFHE-EU, the bi-annual conference of IFHE Europe, the European branch of the International Federation of Hospital Engineering (IFHE).

**The 2017 IFHE-EU congress** will be held in Bologna, Italy 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> of May as an international congress together with an annual national congress of the Association of Italian Hospital Engineering (SIAIS).

**The topics** under discussion constitute a cross-section of the most important technical and infrastructural problem issues that hospitals face: energy saving and energy efficiency improvement, planning and design optimization, architecture and landscape, maintenance and safety in hospital sharing experiences, ICT improvement and innovation, European regulations and responsibilities, sustainable development, hospital hygiene, Health Technology Assessment amongst others.

**The conference focuses** on comparing information on best practice and exchanging experiences in order to encourage innovation, benchmarking and the creation of common European standards

**The target** audience of the IFHE-Europe encompasses executives in the healthcare industry, management, development, heads of medical technology departments, construction, safety, IT, energy, building services engineering and hygiene from companies, hospitals, universities and institutes.

**The Program:** [www.ifhe-eu2017.com](http://www.ifhe-eu2017.com)

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### **IFHE AND 'A' NATIONAL MEMBERS' WEBSITES**

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Please look [www.ifhe.info/worldmap](http://www.ifhe.info/worldmap)

Your sincerely  
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IFHE General Secretary