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There have been some interesting developments in the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA) that I would like to share with you. As a reminder, the IFAA is a group of anatomic associations, not individuals, and your association is a member. The Executive Committee of the IFAA met last September in conjunction with the Argentine Congress of Clinical Anatomy in Cordoba City.

The biggest news is that plans for the upcoming meeting of the IFAA are coming along nicely. We will meet in London August 9-11, 2019. The venue will be the Docklands with 10 hotels within walking distance, accessible from Heathrow airport via tube, and just a 20 minute tube ride from the center of London. President of the Congress is Prof. Ceri Davies (Anatomical Society). Please save the dates. Early-bird registration will begin around February next year. Refereed abstracts will be published in the Journal of Anatomy. The IFAA Congress after that will be in Turkey in 2021.

At the meeting next year some new officers will be elected. Offices that will be open are Vice President, Secretary General, Treasurer, Secretary (2 positions), Editor of Plexus (the IFAA newsletter), and Chairs of FIPAE (Education) and FICSAP (Supranational Projects). The Nominating Committee has been formed and will be posted on our website (www.ifaa.net) soon.

Helen Nicholson (Australian New Zealand Association of Clinical Anatomists) provided feedback on a survey of how Plexus could better serve the IFAA. She emphasized an issue with communication since a small number of members (152 individuals from 13 countries) responded. It was suggested that Plexus contain specific information from the societies and also the participation of young anatomists. It would also be helpful to make Plexus more "readable" e.g. include profiles of well-known anatomists/researchers.

Our Ethics Committee, chaired by Prof. Andreas Winkelmann (Anatomische Gesellschaft), is composing a policy on engagement of anatomical associations with plastination companies and the ethics of body use, acquisition and sale. This document has been posted on the IFAA website. The Committee also proposed a "Forum for Discussion" on ethical issues which may also be done through the website or Plexus.

Finally, the Executive Committee enthusiastically welcomed new member societies to our organization pending final approval at the General Assembly at the meeting next August. These are the Ethiopian Society of Anatomy, the Chinese Taipei Association of Anatomists, and the Uruguay Association of Anatomists.

Respectfully submitted,
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