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Dear IFESS member,

With this brief letter I want to keep you updated about our activities in the past months. Both at the IFESS 2016 conference in Montpellier (a short after-meeting report you can find in our latest newsletter) and at the 12th Vienna FES workshop the IFESS board of directors (BoD) met to continue its reflections upon the repositioning of the society. What had started with the Chicago Workshop in October 2015 led to the creation of new vision and mission statements. Brainstorming and other working sessions of IFESS members came to the conclusion of IFESS being more inclusive than limiting in its scope what FES technologies and applications stand for. This showed us that the field is still evolving, our members are still strongly active in research and translational activities and rather broadened and deepened application areas in which functional excitation of neural or muscular tissue plays a role. Following this analysis we decided to amend our IFESS purpose in the bylaws by following mission and vision statements:

IFESS Vision

To create a future in which electrical stimulation technologies enhance the quality of life.

IFESS Mission

The mission of the International Functional Electrical Stimulation Society is to promote the awareness, knowledge, and understanding of both electrical stimulation technologies and their uses. We bridge research, application, and healthcare to enhance quality of life through advocacy, education, organization of international scientific meetings, and facilitation of inter-professional collaborations.

The repositioning process of IFESS is still ongoing and your active participation is important. Please, help us to promote the society and advance our work. Constructive ideas about how we can make the Society better are always very welcome. Please contact any of the Board members and contribute.

2016 was also the year of IFESS officer and BoD elections.

End of 2016 we sent out the ballots for the elections of our four IFESS officers including the president, the vice-president, the treasurer and the secretary and three new members of the BoD.

The following officers have been elected for the next three-year period: **Erika Geraldine Spaich** for secretary (new), **Michael Russold** for treasurer (cont.), **Simona Ferrante** for vice-president (new), and **Thierry Keller** for president (cont.). All officers thank you for your trust and confidence and are very happy to serve the society!

For the Board of Directors **Christine Azevedo Coste**, **Ken Yoshida** and **Winfried Mayr** have been elected. Congratulations and a very warm welcome! Ken and Winfried replace Erika, who became IFESS officer, and Manfred Bijak. My special thanks to Manfred who puts enormous effort in servicing our web portal and supported me with all his experience as former president of the society!

At this point I like to thank **Glen Davis** for the many, many years of engagement and enthusiasm in different executive positions at IFESS. Glen is one of our great teachers, promoter and ambassador of FES technologies world-wide and specifically in the Asian-Pacific region. Thank you very much, Glen!

Do not forget to renew your membership by logging in at <http://ifess.org> and clicking "Renew membership". When you do that please also check your data and consider uploading a photo to complete the membership directory. As member, you will profit from a significantly reduced conference fee for the Rehabweek 2017, in London!

I wish you a healthy, prosperous and important 2017, in your job, and privately.

My best wishes



Thierry Keller
President IFESS