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## PRESIDENTS COLUMN

This year, 2012 will soon be history, it has been a good year for IFHE and our newsletter will be continued as agreed at EXCO.

The April 2012 Congress held in Norway, on the Norwegian Coastal Route, gathered nearly 400 delegates and FSTL had satisfying economical result. The IFHE Treasurer is confident in the growth of our organisation. The economical problems in Europe as widely discussed in the media is also a serious setback for all including the running of hospitals.

I hope that the struggle of getting people back in jobs have quick results. Being unemployed is a harsh experience and we will see that the unemployed can end up with illness in body and mind.

We wish that all the hard work in trying to create jobs will be successful.

As president, I have already undertaken two major trips to visit national organizations.

After receiving an invitation, I made my first journey to IHEEM Northern Ireland Branch in May 2012. The branch hosted a very good conference in Newcastle, Northern Ireland, about 200 delegates attended. It was a pleasure to attend and see a vivid and growing organization. I conveyed greetings from the whole IFHE Community.

The next journey was together with the General Secretary, Gunnar Baekken, to the Canadian Hospital Engineering Society, CHES on their annual meeting in Montreal. The meeting took place during 22-23 October 2012 and was attended by about 500 delegates.

The General Secretary was invited to give a lecture about modern, world class healthcare, as implemented in the brand new St.Olavs Hospital in Trondheim.

We also had the pleasure of meeting the newest member of EXCO, Steve Rees.

Our 5 year strategic plan was briefly discussed and my understanding is that this is now agreed upon by EXCO.

After these two visits, I feel confident that national hospital engineering organizations have a future, we have made new contacts, friends and established relationships across the seas.

All of us have to work hard to help organizations that are struggling to survive.

The President, General Secretary and Treasurer together with Andy Wavell, had a meeting with the IHEEM Secretariat in Portsmouth during October. After we had the pleasure of being warmly welcomed by the new IHEEM president, Greg Markham and the new IHEEM CEO, Julian Amey, we discussed our contract with them which included:

- Updated A-members list
- Distribution of IFHE Newsletter
- Financial Statements & Budget reports
- IFHE to clearly define IHEEM's role as required by the General Secretary
- Giving IFHE the opportunity to use their questionnaire to survey our member requirements to improve IFHE's role to our members
- To have insight into their 5 year plan as a guide for making our own for the future

IHEEM notified us of their own plans to apply to host the IFHE Congress in 2018 as a part of IHEEM's 75 years anniversary.

Andy Wavell as our liaison with the publishers of the IFHE Digest has worked hard with them to create a digital version and confirmed that it will have a positive economical effect, i.e. hopefully a profit for IFHE.

Our liaison with WHO, Paul Merlevede, has had meetings with the new Designated Technical Officer (DTO), Ms Adriana Berumen in Geneva.

As a NGO, IFHE is positive that it can contribute to some projects without economical obligations.

IFHE has been asked to take part in a project in Namibia as soon as possible.

SAFHE will continue the East African initiative in order to improve the knowledge of hospital technicians in this region.



EXCO / Council

It is confirmed that BEAM of Malaysia will host the EXCO and Council meeting during their national conference between 9-12 September 2013.

On July 30th, we received the sad message from Japan that Peter Morimura had passed away at the age of 87. He was a true friend of IFHE and was a member of EXCO 1990 to 1992. See Bernard Shapiro's remarks. I had the pleasure of meeting him in Tokyo in November 2010.

Liliana Font from Argentina reports that they have a strong, enthusiastic and well diversified organising committee in place for the coming Congress in Buenos Aires October 2014.

Your sincerely

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President IFHE



## LETTER FROM BERNARD SHAPIRO

Dear IFHE colleagues,

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Peter Takeo Morimura passed away in Tokyo on 30 July 2012 at the age of 87.

This message has been sent to several IFHE honorary members, and to IFHE members who were present at the IFHE Council meeting no. 32 held on 05 May 1999 in Lisbon, Portugal. This was the last meeting attended by Mr Peter Morimura on behalf of HEAJ Japan, the IFHE 'A' National member association he had represented since 1984. From 1990 to 1992 he served on the IFHE Executive Committee.

As you probably are aware, his son Francis Kiyoshi Morimura subsequently also has represented HEAJ in Council and served on the IFHE Executive Committee.

Condolences may be addressed to him at [fk-morimura@ptmtokyo.co.jp](mailto:fk-morimura@ptmtokyo.co.jp). If you have tributes you wish to place on record, please copy these to me at [shapfam@tiscali.co.za](mailto:shapfam@tiscali.co.za) with a view to publishing these in a forthcoming newsletter.

Regards,

*Bernard Shapiro,*

IFHE Honorary member.



## CANADIAN HEALTHCARE ENGINEERING SOCIETY (CHES)

The CHES National Conference was held in Montreal, Quebec from September 23-25<sup>th</sup> and was extremely successful on all accounts. The conference was led by our President, JJ Knott and Conference Chair, Gordon Burrill. We continue to work with our partner organizations such as the American Society for Healthcare Engineering (ASHE), the International Federation of Healthcare Engineers (IFHE), the Canadian College for Healthcare Leaders (CCHL), the Canadian Standards Association (CSA), the Canadian Coalition for Green Healthcare (CCGHC), and many more groups on various initiatives. One of the most important initiatives we are focused on currently is a North American wide healthcare facilities maintenance and operations benchmarking project. "Benchmarking 2.0" is CHES's first project of this type and we are partnered with both the International Facilities Management Association and the American Society for Healthcare Engineering. We are looking forward to assessing the valuable information that will be available from the Benchmarking 2.0 Report in the early 2013.



## REPORT FROM AUSTRALIA (IHEA)

The Institute of Hospital Engineering, Australia (IHEA) held its Annual National Conference, Board meetings and Annual General Meeting in Hobart, Tasmania during early October. This three day event plus social outing was supported by member representatives from every state of Australia, together with a large number of corporate sponsors and supporters of the healthcare engineering industry.

The theme of the Conference was, "Back to Basics" with a focus on identifying the core function of the health FM in his role of supporting quality health outcomes in a complex and diverse setting, whilst facing the challenges of funding cuts, energy consumption reduction targets amidst challenging political and financial times. There were a large number of quality technical presentations from members, supported by industry experts, and an excellent trade display showcasing healthcare and building technologies.

The social events catered for wives and partners traveling with delegates to Australia's delightful southern island state, and allowed time to explore some of the modern and historical parts of Hobart and surrounds, including the oldest family owned beer maker, Cascade Brewery, and one of the largest Australian private collections of art at the Museum of Old and New Art (MONA), where the gala dinner was held. The national Board held two meetings in conjunction with the gathering, at which a new Board was formed and portfolios allocated to the new and existing delegates. The Board has representation from every state branch, and the National President, Mitch Cadden, presided over the Board Meetings and AGM of members.

The Australia / New Zealand Exchange (ANZEX) program sponsored a delegate from New Zealand to attend the conference and to travel to a number of the health facilities in various states, and an Australian delegate also travelled recently to the NZIHE conference in New Zealand. Stronger ties are being forged between the two organizations with a high level commitment to Executive interchange for Board meetings across the Tasman Sea. A strong link exists between the two neighboring organizations, and a positive commitment to continuing to build on this relationship, sharing experiences and expertise.

The next annual conference in 2013 will be hosted by the New South Wales branch in Sydney, and is being widely anticipated as the event for all hospital engineers in the Australasia / Pacific region to attend.

IHEA expects to send delegates to the IFHE Council meeting in Malaysia, along with EXCO representative, Darryl Pitcher.



## From our Malaysian friends

I would like to apologize for not able to secure the earlier proposed June date, but I am glad to inform you that BEAM had already confirmed, paid the deposit, and signed the agreement with the Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC) in September 2013 as follows:

Venue: Kuala Lumpur Convention Center (KLCC)

Events: IFHE EXCO Meeting: 9.00 am, 9 September 2013 (Monday)

IFHE Council Meeting: 9.00 am, 10 September 2013 (Tuesday)

BEAM Conference: 9.00 am - 5.30 pm, 11 - 12 September 2013 (Wednesday- Thursday)

Yours sincerely,

Tauran Zaidi

*President BEAM*

## Report from Latin America

Dear friends,

Several conferences were held in our region during 2012:

– On August 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> a national conference took place in Santiago de Chile, with the attendance of some 200 delegates. The main subject dealt with was “The Hospital of the Future”, and consequently all sustainability issues related with healthcare building in the next years to come. As an outcome of this event, AADAIH's President Jose Turniansky organized a meeting with Chilean and Argentinean Council Members to discuss regional strategies. – From August 30<sup>th</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>, in Cali, Colombia, a conference was organized by SERAMBIENTE, a private foundation that every year invites several speakers from foreign countries, including Spain and Argentina. With the attendance of 250 delegates, it was an interesting meeting for architects, engineers and managers. Sustainability and Humanization were the main targets of the conference, including initiatives from important commercial firms.

– On September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> the city of Sao Paulo hosted ABDEH's Annual Congress, which gathered about 500 delegates. It included interesting technical visits to very important Brazilian hospitals, qualified lectures and round tables, where vivid discussions arose on how to better administrate resources in the healthcare field.

Yours,

*Liliana*

## New member of IFHE

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"HEALTHCARE FACILITIES IN TIMES OF RADICAL CHANGES"

**12 - 16 October of 2014**

UCA | Puerto Madero, Buenos Aires, Argentina

On the coast of the "Rio de la Plata", so wide that many travelers confuse it with sea, Buenos Aires has a mild climate and many days of sunshine along year. City of Borges, Gardel, Cortázar and Maradona, cosmopolitan and diverse, with about 14 million people in its metropolitan area makes it the third most populous city in Latin America, after Mexico City and San Pablo.

Buenos Aires is a cultural city with more than 120 museums, hundreds of theaters and several international festivals of dance, music and films.

Buenos Aires is a city for walking, full of architecture, with many streets, avenues and parks to explore. It has bars on every corner to chat and buildings to see.

Buenos Aires is a city of entertainment, with over 3,000 of restaurants of all types and unmatched nightlife. With many places to dance tango and milongas in their neighborhoods, with cinema and alternative music circuits.

Buenos Aires is a city of sporting events, especially football, with five clubs who have been world champions.

Buenos Aires is a tourist town, the most visited in South America in recent years by international travelers.

To meet all these Buenos Aires and to find your own is an opportunity offered by the XXIII World Congress of IFHE 2014.

October is spring, the best time to visit.

Buenos Aires & IFHE 2014, the perfect gateway for conference, business, pleasure and a touch of the good life!

Do not miss the opportunity to be a part of the most important event for the Hospital Engineering in the world for 2014!

 [www.ifhe2014buenosaires.com.ar](http://www.ifhe2014buenosaires.com.ar)



## Our Danish colleagues has changed name of their organisation:

- "A" member data sheet.
- Reference no: A 015
- Full name: Forum for SygehusTeknik og – Arkitektur.
- Acronym: FSTA
- Web-site: [www.fsta.dk](http://www.fsta.dk)
- Principal address Secretary: FSTA, Claus Berntsen
- Region Sjælland, Sygehus Syd,
- Byggeprojektenheden,
- Ingemannsvej 18, 2.sal
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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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

### 2013

10-12 April **Europäische Konferenz über Krankenhaustechnik.(IFHE Europe)** Bern (Schweiz)

09 September **IFHE Executive Committee meeting 38** Kuala Lumpur Conference Centre (KLCC) Putrajaya

10 September **IFHE Council meeting 46** Kuala Lumpur, Conference Centre (KLCC) Putrajaya, Malaysia

11-12 September **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.iheem.org.uk)

A003 IHF France [www.ihf.fr](http://www.ihf.fr)

A007 ASHE USA [www.ashe.org](http://www.ashe.org)

A009 IHEA Australia [www.ihea.org.au](http://www.ihea.org.au)

A012 VTDV Belgium [www.VTDV.be](http://www.VTDV.be)

A014 IHS Switzerland [www.ihs.ch](http://www.ihs.ch)

A017 WGKT Germany [www.wgkt.de](http://www.wgkt.de)

A020 HEAJ Japan [www.heaj.org](http://www.heaj.org)

A025 AADAIH Argentina [www.aadaih.com.ar](http://www.aadaih.com.ar)

A032 SUAIH Uruguay [www.suaih.com.uy](http://www.suaih.com.uy)

A035 ABDEH Brasil [www.abdeh.org.br](http://www.abdeh.org.br)

A040 OVKT Austria [www.ovkt.at](http://www.ovkt.at)

A042 KIHA Korea [www.ikiha.org](http://www.ikiha.org)

A044 SIAIS Italy [www.siais.it](http://www.siais.it)

A002 FENATO Italy [www.usppi.info](http://www.usppi.info)

A006 NVTG Netherlands [www.nvtg.nl](http://www.nvtg.nl)

A008 NZIHE New Zealand [www.nzihe.org.nz](http://www.nzihe.org.nz)

A010 SAFHE South Africa [www.safhe.co.za](http://www.safhe.co.za)

A013 AEIH Spain [www.aeih.org](http://www.aeih.org)

A015 FSTA Denmark [www.fsta.dk](http://www.fsta.dk)

A018 CHES Canada [www.ches.org](http://www.ches.org)

A024 FKT Germany [www.fkt.de](http://www.fkt.de)

A028 FSTL Norway [www.fstl.org](http://www.fstl.org)

A033 UNAMHE Uganda [www.unamhe.org](http://www.unamhe.org)

A038 AFHE Finland [www.ssty.fi](http://www.ssty.fi)

A041 IHE India [www.iheindia.org](http://www.iheindia.org)

A043 BEAM Malaysia [www.beam.org.my](http://www.beam.org.my)

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