

Past President's Report 2026

It is a pleasure to present my report as Past President of the International Federation of Endodontic Associations.

Having now had some distance from my time as President, I continue to appreciate the important role that IFEA plays in bringing together endodontic associations from around the world. The strength of our Federation has always been its ability to connect colleagues across different countries, cultures and professional environments through our shared commitment to the advancement of endodontics.

During the past year, my role as Past President has primarily been one of support and advice to the Executive Committee and Board of Directors. After 14 years of active involvement with IFEA, it has been rewarding to remain involved while allowing the current leadership to take the Federation forward.

I have been very pleased to see the continued enthusiasm and commitment of the Executive Committee. Elisabetta, Gopi, Patrick and Henry have brought considerable experience, energy and dedication to their respective roles, and I believe IFEA is fortunate to have such a capable team guiding the organisation. It has been a pleasure to support them and to see IFEA continue to move forward under their leadership.

Over the years, IFEA has changed considerably. We have moved towards a more modern, efficient and internationally connected organisation, with improved governance, communication and administrative processes. Many of the changes introduced over recent years were designed not simply to address the needs of the time, but to provide a stronger foundation upon which future leadership could continue to build.

The challenge for IFEA remains to ensure that it continues to be relevant to its member associations and, importantly, to the next generation of endodontists. Communication and collaboration across borders have never been easier, but this also means that organisations such as ours must continually demonstrate their value.

I believe IFEA has an important role to play in facilitating international cooperation, sharing knowledge and strengthening relationships between national endodontic associations. Our strength comes from the diversity of our member associations and from our ability to bring people together with a common purpose. We should continue to look for opportunities to strengthen these relationships and ensure that IFEA remains relevant, inclusive and forward-looking.

The World Endodontic Congress remains one of the most important expressions of IFEA's purpose, bringing together colleagues from around the world not only for scientific exchange, but also to renew friendships, establish new relationships and strengthen our international endodontic community.

I would like to acknowledge and congratulate the Sydney Organising Committee and Arinex on the tremendous work they have done in making this World Endodontic Congress such a success. The organisation of a Congress of this scale requires an enormous commitment of time, energy and attention to detail, much of which happens behind the scenes. The quality of the scientific program, the organisation of the Congress and the wonderful atmosphere we are enjoying here in Sydney are a credit to everyone involved. On behalf of IFEA, I extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to the entire team.

On a personal level, this Congress marks the conclusion of a very significant chapter for me. I first joined the Board as Oceania Regent in 2012, and over the years I have had the privilege of serving on the Board, the Executive Committee as Secretary, President-Elect, President and finally as Past President. The friendships and professional relationships developed during that time have undoubtedly been one of the most rewarding aspects of my involvement with IFEA.

I feel particularly fortunate that this chapter is concluding here in Sydney. There is something very special about having colleagues and friends from around the world gathered in my home city for my final World Endodontic Congress as a member of the Executive Committee.

Looking back over my years with IFEA, I am proud of how the Federation has evolved, but I am perhaps even more appreciative of the people I have had the opportunity to work with along the way. IFEA is ultimately about people—people from different parts of the world who share a passion for endodontics and a willingness to contribute their time and experience for the benefit of our profession.

I would like to thank the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors, our member associations and the many individuals who have contributed their time, enthusiasm and friendship during my years with IFEA. I am extremely grateful for the support and friendship that I have received throughout my time with the Federation.

It has been a great privilege to serve IFEA, and I am proud of what we have achieved together. While my formal involvement with the Executive Committee is coming to an end, my interest in IFEA and the friendships I have made through this organisation will certainly continue.

I remain confident that IFEA will continue to develop and strengthen its role in bringing together endodontic associations and colleagues from around the world, and I wish the current and future leadership every success in taking the Federation forward.

I hope you all continue to enjoy a memorable World Endodontic Congress and your time here in Sydney.

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