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Dear Presidents of IAIP Member Associations,

I would like to inform you about my activities over the course of 2018.

I would also like to thank you for all your responses, personal meetings and invitations.

In January and February, I received further information from members of IAIP. **I really feel that those of you I was in touch with are the true leaders and representatives of your institutions and that you care about bringing life into IAIP.**

I also communicated intensively with Board members of IAIP regarding matters I consider to be crucial if we are engaged in building bridges and bringing a new spirit to the international Adlerian community. What was achieved was enhanced activity in the IAIP Facebook page, but the IAIP website remains inactive. I tried very hard to involve Board members in organising the International Conference of Individual Psychology but agreement, unfortunately, has not been achieved.

So, at the beginning of March, I initiated the new website www.individualpsychology.net where, with a great deal of help from Kristina Siroka, was launched the renaissance tradition of **International Conference of Individual Psychology**, which will be held at the Alfred Adler Center International in Vienna on November 19th 2018. When on-line registration started in April, we immediately received the first participants. In May further invitations were sent out and the registrations came in continuously up to September when we had to close the process because of limited space at the Adler Center.

In June I took part in the North America Society of Adlerian Psychology Conference in Toronto. There I had plenty of opportunities to talk with NASAP members. With John Newbauer we had also a speech at the farewell dinner of the NASAP conference, introducing IAIP and inviting those who were interested in participation in our Conference. I also wrote an article presenting the Conference in the NASAP Newsletter in June.

In July, in Slovakia we organised the 13th year of the Summer School of Adlerian Psychology with the title "New Trends in Pathopsychology and Prevention" with the attendance of Adlerians from France and Hungary. I also took part in ICASSI in Bonn where, besides participation in the learning process, I had at least eleven individual meetings with Adlerians from Switzerland, Germany, Israel, Bulgaria, USA, Hungary, Spain, Japan, UK, Malaysia and Malta. I also organised the special interest presentation "Let's make a community around Alfred Adler Center International". I find ICASSI a real place where contacting, learning and collaboration are especially lively.

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In August I received a mail from John Newbauer informing me of his intention to resign from his position of IAIP vp. He suggested Marina Bluvstein for this position; this was accepted by all Board members and Marina has been coopted to the post of vice-president of IAIP. Congratulations to Marina, she has deserved it for all her hard and unworldly work and I am happy to have her as my vp.

Intensive communications with Board members have continued since September. There are financial and managerial issues which were open and need to be clarified.

In September and in October, two business trips to Vienna regarding preparation of the Conference were held. Thank you, specially to Anita Schedl who was very helpful at AACI and Barbara Neudecker who is willing to lead the tour "In Adler's steps" on November 20th. I also managed to write (with co-author D. Polakova) an article for the Adlerian Year Book 2019. For the second year, I am teaching a course on Individual Psychology to Erasmus students from Italy, Ukraine, Russia, Serbia and Japan, which gives me quiet satisfaction that I can contribute to their psychology learning with my Adlerian expertise.

In October 26-27th, I was invited to Gyor, Hungary to open their two-day conference "New Tasks and Challenges in Everyday life. Challenges of modern life and connected difficulties in teacher, social and psychology work" and present a paper "The Model of Solving Problems in Behaviour in Pupils at School". It is always a pleasure to meet with Hungarian colleagues. We struggled a bit with language difficulties but despite this I felt a strong connection.

The IAIP Board members received a message from colleagues in Ukraine that the Ukrainian Association of Individual Psychology was established in October. There is an upcoming trip for IAIP Board Members to Lviv which was selected as the venue for the next IAIP Congress in 2020. The first Board Meeting since the Congress in Minneapolis will also be held there.

I also have two other news items but I would like to announce them at the Conference, so those of you who are coming will hear them first and the others will be informed by letter early in the new year.

Feel free to write to me or call me anytime as some of you already do. I consider it my role and my pleasure to encourage such exchanges, listen to all sides of the membership and I will engage with all my energy and opportunities. And if I forget something, do not hesitate to remind me.

I wish you all a lot of strength in the last two months of this year.

Best wishes,

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