



## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Lund, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Dear Colleagues, Friends,

Let me take this opportunity to write to you in this serious time to express my sincere hope that you and your beloved ones are well. This strange and restricted time of the corona virus, covid-19, has put most of the society to a standstill and we are experiencing a situation we will remember forever.

We as an association have been affected and forced to cancel the annual meeting in Paris and then the June meeting in Helsinki. Now we are having a virtual meeting instead. That works well. The secretariat and I are thankful for your great cooperation and your swift responses to the questions.

Most of us, if not all, are in a susceptible age and in a risk group. So, we are recommended or confined to stay in some type of quarantine. Personally, I am at home staying away from people and my children and grandchildren even in in this Easter time. I follow the rules and take long walks to keep in shape. Most of you are in the same situation and do the same thing, I presume.

How long do we have to live like this we do not know, but it may be months before it is over.

The terrible loss of lives and the impact of the economy will profoundly change our society.

The exit path from this situation will be precarious. We can only hope for better times.

But, in this Easter time I wish you and your family all the best and that we all will meet in Berlin.

Let us pray that that is the case!

Happy Easter!

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