

To: The Executive Committee  
The Advisory Council

From : Fausto Cosi

**Subject: Report from the Vice-Chairman**

**Milan, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Dear Colleagues,

Please find below my report.

1. **Nomination of IAFEI Officers, 2014.**

Our recommendation is to reconfirm for 2014 all the Officers who served in 2013 and who are willing to continue in the position.

2. **National Institutes.**

A strategic objective of our Association is to increase the number of Institutes, taking advantage of the present positive period for IAFEI. Every effort has to be devoted to attain this goal.

3. **By-laws.**

The by-laws has to be reviewed and eventually simplified to allow the more proactive members of IAFEI to provide their maximum contribution.

4. **Governance.**

ExCom and BoD meetings have the same agendas, which implies unnecessary duplication of discussion/decision in case of topics of minor importance. Items of minor importance should be dealt with at ExCom level and the decision communicated to the BoD, to make the overall decision process more rapid and efficacious.

5. **The International Technical Committees.**

Steady improvement has been made since the Paris ExCom meeting in terms of staffing of the International Committees. They still need some enhancement as to the output.

6. **Funding.**

Sponsors funds are very important to reduce the fees to IAFEI, to attract more Institutes and provide resources for the institutional activity. The project launched in Paris regarding the World Sponsors has not yet reached momentum, but we are confident it will fly in the next few years.

7. **Fees to IAFEI.**

We think that a reduction in the amount of the Fees to IAFEI is a move to be considered, in order to ease the payment on the part of the smaller Institutes and to incentivate new ones to join IAFEI.

8. **IAFEI Congresses.**

Milan will host the 2015 IAFEI World Congress, on the occasion of the big worldwide event "Expo", on October 15 to 17. A visit to the Expo premises will be in the program.

The assignment of the Congresses of 2016 and 2017 is considered urgent, to allow adequate time for their proper organization.

9. **IAFEI Marketing Brochure.**

Following the decision taken in Paris, the ANDAF Staff has made some restyling of the IAFEI Marketing Brochure, which has been submitted for approval. The Power Point version is under preparation and will be made available in due course.

Best regards

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