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Dear Colleagues,

It is my distinct honor to present to you the first Newsletter of the International Union of Phlebology since being inaugurated President at the IUP Chapter Meeting in Seoul. I am sincerely humbled by the privilege bestowed upon me to advance the mission of the IUP in my role as President through 2019.

The IUP Chapter meeting in Seoul was a comprehensive and productive scientific meeting. I congratulate the Organizing Committee for planning and executing such a successful event. Over 1000 participants gathered in Seoul where we received a most hospitable and cordial welcome by our exceptional Korean hosts. It was a great and honorable return to Asia for the IUP.

Our next IUP Chapter Meeting will be in Rome, Italy, April 13-16, 2016, the IUP General Council being eager to stage a European meeting for its traditional members, and thus end almost a decade's absence from Europe. Even though the scope of the IUP has vastly expanded in recent years, particularly in South America and Asia, IUP's origin and its principal support remain in Europe. The IUP General Council intends to maintain traditions as well as embrace international expansion and growth. The IUP will hold its next World Congress in Melbourne, Australia in 2018.

As President, I look forward to visiting as many society congresses as my work schedule will allow. As a means of building the strength and importance of the IUP, I will be meeting with current and emerging society leaders around the world.

My principal goals over the next 4 years are, first, to strengthen the internal governance and structure

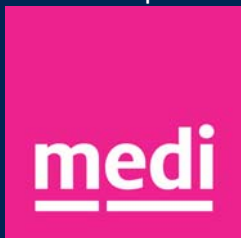
**Inauguration speech delivered during the 2015 IUP Chapter Meeting in Seoul, South Korea, August 29, 2015.**

It is with great honor and humility that I accept this position, and I realize that with that honor comes great responsibility. It is my intention to live up to that responsibility, and I will work very hard to do so. I will work tirelessly to advance the role of the IUP for the betterment of treatment of patients with venous and lymphatic disease.

I have had a few words of advice this week from Past Presidents of the IUP. From the first Past President the key to a successful term as President is to assiduously advance the interests and goals of the IUP, NOT my own interests and personal ambition. I can assure you that my personal goals are firmly aligned with those of the IUP.

From the second Past President, the advice I received was simply to have fun during my presidency. With my life partner, Terri, we hope to do exactly that along our four-year journey.

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of the IUP. This process is already underway with the execution of a contract with LoBue & Majdalany Association Management, a professional association management company based in San Francisco, California. We plan to increase communication between the IUP Executive Committee and its member societies, just as Past President Scuderi has done.

The second principal goal is the stabilization and advancement of the financial strength of the IUP. A variety of strategies will be employed to achieve this goal. Some of these strategies were mentioned in my inauguration speech and will be presented in more detail in the IUP Newsletter over the next several months. This second goal can only be successfully achieved with the assistance of and cooperation between the Executive Committee, the General Council, and the member societies.

In closing, I look forward greatly to a rewarding experience working toward the shared goals of the IUP community, and I extend my very best regards to you all.



Nick Morrison, MD

To help familiarize you with my objectives as IUP President, I have included my brief inauguration speech, delivered at the 2015 IUP Chapter Meeting in Seoul, South Korea, August 29, 2015.



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My first priority as President will be to bring more structure and stability to the IUP while minimizing political intrigue. Toward that end, the IUP Executive Committee has given me permission to establish a contract with a professional association management company to help in the organizational aspects of the IUP. This should help alleviate concerns that some members of the General Council have expressed regarding communication of important events and IUP projects.

In order to further advance the IUP in the phlebologic community internationally, I will propose the establishment of a foundation to provide the funding necessary for programs such as Research Grants, an Accreditation Certificate, Humanitarian projects, and Preceptorships, among others. This foundation will be a true partnership of the scientific and industrial phlebologic community, again, strictly for the advancement of the IUP.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to all previous IUP Presidents, the current Executive Committee, and especially to Angelica Scuderi, who has served as an exceptional secretariat to the Executive Committee for the past few years.