



International Society for
Adult Congenital Heart Disease

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Dear ISACHD Members:

As announced in the Newsflash in February 2018 and in April 2018, we have relocated our ISACHD meetings to where our members most frequently gather. Hence there was no ISACHD meeting at ACC.18 in March.

We look forward very much to welcoming you to a business meeting to update you on our Society and its exciting developments at the **28th International Symposium on Adult Congenital Heart Disease in Toronto** (www.torontoachdconference.ca) next week (June 6-8, 2018). We trust this will foster improved connectivity for ISACHD as part of the mission of our community to enhance the care of adults with congenital heart disease.

As announced in the Newsflash in April 2018, ISACHD will have the **annual Business Meeting** during the Toronto ACHD Symposium on **June 8, 2018** (please find attached the agenda).

Our **Nominating Committee** has recommended the following slate for the **2018 – 2020 ISACHD officer positions**, with the opportunity for additional nominations at the meeting:

- President: Helmut Baumgartner, Münster (Germany)
- President-Elect: Adrienne Kovacs, Portland (Oregon, USA)
- Treasurer: Luke Burchill, Melbourne (Australia)
- Secretary: Daniel Tobler, Basel (Switzerland)
- Global Affairs & Communication: Clare O'Donnell, Auckland (New Zealand)
- Member at Large: Gruschen Veldtman, Cincinnati (Ohio, USA)
- Immediate
- Past-President: Erwin Oechslin, Toronto (Ontario, Canada)

We will contact ISACHD members and ask for volunteers for **beta-testing of the new Website and ISACHD Member Portal**, which are being developed by an ISACHD Working Group under the leadership of Dr. Luke Burchill, Melbourne (Australia).

We will summarize our activities during the last 6 months and the decisions of the Business meeting in a Newsletter which will be mailed by the end of June 2018. I have attached the 5-

Year Vision which we developed after a member survey and in collaboration with the regional representatives, CCA and Fellow-in training representative at a mini-retreat in November 2016.

My 2-year term will end on June 8, 2018. It was a great honour to serve as President for ISACHD as the global ACHD umbrella organization, and a privilege to work with a team of very committed and engaged Board Members. I owe then a great 'thank you'.

I will hand over IACHD Presidency to Dr. Helmut Baumgartner, Münster (Germany). I wish him and the new Officers and ISACHD team great success. I will always be closely connected with **ISACHD as the United Nations of the ACHD community**: the mission of global health, education and research and improvement of ACHD care keep us together.

United we stand, divided we fall!

I wish you and your family all the best.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erwin Oechslin', written in a cursive style.

Erwin Oechslin,
President ISACHD