LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT - 14



Lund, 29th March 2021.

Dear Colleagues, Friends,

Let me take this opportunity to send you Easter greetings and expressing my sincere hope that you and your beloved ones are well in this strange and restricted time of Covid-19.

Last year about this time I sent you a letter expressing our concerns for the corona virus that had prevented us from having our Annual General Assembly in Paris. For the first time we did that, and unfortunately we are still in the same situation. Meeting after meeting have been postponed until the following year from 2020 to 2021 and already some to 2022. We missed Paris, Helsinki and Berlin last year and this year we have missed Paris and will miss Helsinki and who knows if we can meet in Berlin for a Bureau and Colloquy meeting in October. That will be decided in a distant meeting by the Bureau the last week in May.

Hopefully, the vaccination process will put an end to this situation. Maybe, you are already vaccinated, or you will be shortly. I have got my first jab and will soon have my second. That is a relief as most of us belong to a risk group and are recommended to stay in some type of quarantine. We all get tired of that situation and want to end it as soon as possible. Now, we see the light in the end of the tunnel. The terrible loss of lives and the impact on the economy because of this pandemic will profoundly affect our society.

But, thanks to our efficient secretariat, Roland, Krist and Lisette, we have been able to have distant meetings last year as well as this year. Great thanks to them and to you all for participating so well in these meetings. That way we solve our duties in the best possible manners.

At Easter last year I ended my letter this way:

"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."

Hopefully it will work this time.

Happy Easter!

Rune Rydén President

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