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Dear Presidents,

This is my first formal letter to you as the new president of the ISR. First, please allow me to thank you for the warm congratulations that I received from so many of you. I know this will not be an easy job, but at the same time I am very happy to have the support of several people whose experience I can refer to when things get tough. I’m also not a native speaker of English and I am the first President from outside of Europe or the US, but I hope that I can bring a new perspective to the position.

Allow me to introduce the new Board members who will be working with me.

* Past-president: Bruce Smith (USA)
* 1st Vice-president: Odile Husain (Canada)
* 2nd Vice-president: Tevfika Ikiz (Turkey),
* Secretary: Pascal Roman (France)
* Members-at-Large: Claude de Tychey (France)

Sadegh Nashat (UK)

Maria Fiorella Gazale (Italy)

Barton Evans (USA)

* Ex-officio: Anne Andronikof (France)

*Curator of the Hermann Rorschach Archives and Museum*

Julia Hogrefe (Switzerland), *Treasurer*

I also want to express my thanks to Fernando Silberstein and Justin McCarthy Woods, who are leaving the Board after years of service, for volunteering their time and efforts for our benefit in this way. It was my great pleasure to be able to work with them and they will be sorely missed. Also my deep gratitude goes to Trudi Finger for more than 30 years of tireless service as the Treasurer and I wish her many years of happy retirement.

Now, I want to raise some important issues for us to deal with together.

1. Feedback.   
   I feel particularly strongly that the President and Board members of the ISR exist to serve the members of the society, and I look forward to energizing the organization through new blood from the membership. In order to accomplish this goal, I would like to ask you to send me your ideas and/or hopes for the ISR—the Board and I need to hear *your* voices!

I would like you to send any thoughts or advice directly to my e-mail [ezg03367@nifty.ne.j](mailto:ezg03367@nifty.ne.j)p. I will be glad if you would always begin by putting [ISR] first in the email subject line so that I do not miss your message and to prevent it from mistakenly going into the SPAM box.

1. Clear Communication  
   a. Correct email addresses  
   In order to communicate effectively, it is essential that we have the correct, current contact information for each member of the ISR. Please send it to the Secretary, Roman Pascal [pascal.roman@unil.ch](mailto:pascal.roman@unil.ch) **by 15th of November 2014**:

b. Updating  
Please inform the ISR Secretary of updated information whenever there is a change in any of the above details.

3. Website

It is essential that all information posted on our website (rorschach.com) is correct and updated. Please send by return mail to both the Secretary [pascal.roman@unil.ch](mailto:pascal.roman@unil.ch) and the webmaster [tevfikai@yahoo.com](mailto:tevfikai@yahoo.com)

* Current information about the Board of your society (President, Secretary etc.) + a contact e-mail
* The URL of the website of your society (if any) so that we can put a link to your Society

When visiting our newly restructured website (rorschach.com) you will notice that we have created a “Members Only” section.

This section is **strictly for members**, only open to the individual members of your Society who will be able to directly access Rorschachiana online, the Bulletin and many other interesting items, as well as an international membership directory.

So as to ensure that all registered persons are recognized current members of your Society, we will need to receive from you yearly an updated membership list.

We believe that the “Members only” section of the ISR website will serve as a strong incentive for the members of your societies to renew their membership, and attract potential new members to join your Society.

We therefore ask you to send to the Secretary your current membership list (only names and e-mails). We guarantee full confidentiality, i.e. the list will not be communicated to anybody, will not be put as such on any website and will only serve to check the true membership of individual members.

1. Interdisciplinary Cooperation  
   I would like to shift our focus on international psychological assessment to a new era of stimulating inter-disciplinary cooperation. We are an international society made up of 2,500 highly trained specialists with one hundred years of collective experience in the Rorschach, but we mostly keep our knowledge to ourselves! I believe it is vital that we share our expertise and that we communicate with other professionals, such as educators, doctors, psychiatrists, career counsellors, and fostering agencies, forensic experts to make it known how important Rorschach assessment is and what valuable and unique skills we have to offer. In other words, we should shift from in-fighting and instead concentrate on developing the means to explain and show the value of our work to others. If we do not, we will become increasingly viewed as irrelevant and will die out.

Please send me your ideas about joint researches or workshops that we could hold to spread the word about the value of Rorschach and psychological assessment or any other ideas you have to achieve the goal I have outlined here.

1. Applications for the 2020 ISR Congress

Now is the time for all member societies to think about hosting the 23rd ISR Congress in 2020. Those who wish to apply to host it should inform both the Secretary and myself **by 31st May 2015**. Once all applications have been received, the Secretary will then circulate them to the other Board members so that we can have time to look at them before discussing them at the annual Board Meeting in July 2015.

1. New Members  
   a. I am pleased to inform you that two new societies have joined   
    the ISR this year. They are:

* Sociedad Mexicana de Rorschach y Metodos Psicodiagnosticos A.C. (41 members)
* IRPSI Istituto Italiano Rorschach e Psicodiagnostica Integrata (40 members)

One society has left the ISR, the SIRCS Societa Italiana per il Rorschach Comprehensive System.

b. We are also glad to welcome 11 new individual members, ten from Russia and one from Denmark.

1. XXII ISR Congress in Paris

Lastly. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the next ISR Congress in Paris! Meeting once in every three years is important. Nothing can be more exciting than meeting old friends and new professionals in face to face. Please plan your presentation and let me hear your voices.

Date: July 17th to 21st 2017

President: Benoit Verdon

Venue: Congress Center “Les Cordeliers”, in the heart of the ‘Quartier Latin’ (near the Notre Dame cathedral).

Theme: “Developments in projective research and Practice emerging issues and discoveries”

Thank you for taking the time to read through this long message. I am excited about working closely with you over the next three years of my presidency and I look forward to receiving your input.

Important dates:

November 15, 2014—Deadline for providing the names and email addresses of Board members. Send to the ISR President, Secretary and webmaster.

November 30, 2014 \_Deadline for sending membership lists. Send to the Secretary.

May 31, 2015—Deadline for applications for hosting the 2020 ISR Congress. Send to the ISR President and the Secretary.

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Yours sincerely,

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