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Dear country members,

As a fresh new President of the CPLOL, I would like to thank all of you who have, through your delegates at the General Assembly in Sofia, elected me for the next three years.

It gives me great pleasure to represent the community of Speech and Language therapists across Europe and I will do my best to honour the trust you put in me.

But it is on behalf of the new Executive Committee that I would like to address the associations, their persons in charge and their delegates in the CPLOL commissions.

We would like to acknowledge the work that has been accomplished by the delegates of your associations for CPLOL - as volunteers.

Their inputs, ideas and contributions during the year and especially during the 2 yearly meetings are essential for the progress and the development of our "association of associations" engaged in the representation and promotion of our profession.

Scattered throughout 29 countries, the delegates are active in different working groups mandated by the commissions under the lead of their Vice-President, member of the Executive Committee.

The accomplishments of the CPLOL are a result of real team-work and although they might represent lots of challenges in communication, decision making and professional as well as political positions, they are made possible by the engagement of each and every one of the member countries' delegates.

Because of the size of our organisation and its functioning (2 meetings a year), CPLOL depends on a certain continuity in the persons representing the countries.

We are happy that delegates commit themselves in working groups and commissions for a longer period of time, if possible, in order to insure the follow ups and carry out the tasks at hand. The experience shows that it takes time to get acquainted with the work and the organisation and to be able to participate actively and constructively to the different tasks. This continuing work allows development and goal attainment.

The members of the Executive Committee are starting afresh and are ready for the challenge. I am convinced, that the new team will be strong and efficient and, with the help of the whole CPLOL organisation, continue its mission in promoting speech and language therapy within member countries of the European Union.

Thank you for your support and mainly for your active cooperation.

We have lots to do, let's get going.

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