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Dear Members of the International Society of Hypertension:

I am delighted to share with you the highlights of the Society's activities over the past months, and to briefly update you on the upcoming initiatives and activities that you should look out for.

- On a practical note, you may have all recently received an email from the ISH Secretariat that from 1 June 2019 onwards the Secretariat services of the ISH will be handled by Margaret Sherry and her team from In Conference. Their team is very familiar with the global community in the field of hypertension and we are greatly looking forward to this partnership. Please note that the ISH website and secretariat email address ([secretariat@ish-world.com](mailto:secretariat@ish-world.com)) will remain unchanged.
- I simply need to mention my delight at the immense efforts from our membership and volunteers all around the world involved in **May Measurement Month (MMM19)**. On all our social media accounts and beyond – the successful global blood pressure screenings have certainly been noticed! Furthermore the findings from MMM2018 has been published in May in the European Heart Journal (<http://bit.ly/2RnwuEB>), along with the country-specific results from 39 countries (in European Heart Journal Supplements). My sincere congratulations to Neil Poulter as Chair of the MMM-team.
- In the meantime the ISH Guidelines Committee, Chaired by Thomas Unger, is working actively on the development of the **ISH Worldwide Hypertension Guidelines**, also to be released in Glasgow 2020. Of note is that these new guidelines will be a short practical document including information that is clear, relevant and widely applicable – also in lower and middle income countries.
- In less than a year's time I am looking forward to meeting many of you in person again at the **Joint ESH-ISH Meeting** to be held in **Glasgow, Scotland from 29 May to 1 June 2020**. Please save the date! This event will not only be an opportunity to network, meet with old friends and to be updated on the latest science in the field of hypertension and cardiovascular disease, but it will also be the opportune time to recognise our members for excellence in scientific research. We will in the coming months invite you all to submit nominations for the various ISH awards (<http://ish-world.com/activities/awards-prizes.htm>), recognising new investigators, but also life-time achievers, women and those working in the developing world. **The Women in Hypertension Committee** and **New Investigator Committee** are also actively planning for activities during the meeting in Glasgow. So watch this space!
- For the very first time, the ISH will also recognise and honour members of the Society who have distinguished themselves through excellence in clinical practice or research in the field of hypertension, by awarding "**Fellows of the International Society of Hypertension**" (**FISH**). FISH status will be a symbol of excellence, and will represent recognition by the ISH of our members' scientific and professional accomplishments in the field of hypertension. Members will be invited during the coming months to apply online.
- Please take note that in 2022 the Scientific Meeting of the Society will be held in Kyoto, Japan. We are now also inviting interested countries to submit bids for the **ISH Scientific Meeting to be held in 2024**.

I would like to thank the many ISH members around the world whom I have met during the past months – electronically, but also during my travels to Indonesia and Korea. I am looking forward to getting in touch with many of you during the coming months. So, please do not hesitate to contact me with any ideas or suggestions ([secretariat@ish-world.com](mailto:secretariat@ish-world.com)).

With my very best wishes,



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