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Everything flows, the famous πάντα ῥεῖ (panta rhei) of the old Greek philosopher Heraklit. He was right then and even more so today with respect to ISH, our society. We have spent the last months in a transition period from one administrative agency (Conference Collective, London UK) to another (In Conference, Edinburgh/Glasgow, UK), and that we were not “lost in translation” – or rather transition - is due to the fact that several members of the ISH Executive Committee, in particular our President Alta Schutte together with Vice-President Fadi Charchar and Treasurer Markus Schlaich, have spent innumerable hours to allow for a smooth handover.

Over the years, the collaboration with Conference Collective (CC) led by Jacinta Scannell, assisted more recently by Steve Rawson, was quite harmonious and fruitful, especially with the enormous help from Helen Horsfield at CC, who cared about virtually all ISH matters, and also some other members of the group like Charlotte Swindall who helped us very efficiently with our Hypertension Newsletter. However, when both ladies said goodbye to Conference Collective virtually at the same time, they left a certain vacuum. After intensive discussions, the ISH Executive Committee decided to move to a new agency, i.e. In Conference (InC), under the leadership of Margaret Sherry. Within InC, Claire Simpson and Leonie Postma are responsible for the overall management of the society, Juliet Bruce-Dickie will assist our treasurer in financial matters, and they will be supported by Araceli Segreto and Luxor McGowan. After several months of preparation, the final handover took place on June 1st, and, due to the collaborative spirit on all sides, it was a smooth transition without major obstacles. Everyone who was involved in this complex transitional project deserves our deepest gratitude for a great job.

One part of the ISH administration, however, will stay with CC, i.e. May Measurement Month (MMM), which has been run very professionally by Judith Bunn under the leadership of our past President, Neil Poulter, the ‘father’ of MMM.

Panta rhei: I’m sure that ISH will certainly recover from the strains of transition very quickly and address its multiple tasks with new vigour following our mission to reduce the global burden of raised blood pressure.

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PRESIDENT ELECT

Maciej Tomaszewski the New President-Elect of ISH

Maciej Tomaszewski is Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine at the University of Manchester and a member of the ISH Council since 2014. He is now the President-Elect of our Society and will take up the office at the ISH/ESH meeting in 2020 in Glasgow, where his clinical research career commenced in 2000 on an ISH fellowship. Maciej was Secretary of the Scientific Council and of the Society between 2016 and 2018 and many of you have followed his excellent reporting from the Executive meetings in the new column “The Secretary’s Voice”, which he was first to write.

