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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear ISH Colleague,

I am delighted that Dr Walter Bongartz has taken over as Newsletter Editor. He can only publish the news that you send him, and it is important that your colleagues around the world know what special things you have done and the exciting things happening in your own Constituent Society. Keep him informed.

Individual members will have noticed that your 1990 Dues Statement is enclosed. Please take the time now to renew your membership. Your membership is a powerful statement of support for the goals of ISH.

I am asking all members to think about what he/she can do to help ISH. Financially, ISH is now going through difficult times, as are all professional organizations. The Central Office in Melbourne is a highly efficient operation and is doing a superb job, but because our membership is not increasing enough to keep up with expenses, it is getting harder for the Central staff to maintain top efficiency. HELP ISH BY ENCOURAGING JUST ONE COLLEAGUE TO JOIN. This will guarantee our success.

The Board, Council of Representatives and Committees are working hard. Plans are beginning to develop for the next International Congress in Israel, August 11-17, 1991. Dr George Matheson (Chairman, Council of Representatives) and I were in Israel in December 1988, and will be meeting again with the Congress organizers later this year. We already know it will be a truly exciting Congress.

Please write to me about any of your concerns or questions about ISH.

Sincerely,
FREDERICK J. EVANS, PhD
President, ISH

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FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The Newsletter has provided information about the world of hypnosis to colleagues all over the world for more than ten years. During these years, my predecessors Anthony Basker who initiated the Newsletter in 1978 as well as Campbell Perry who edited the Newsletter since August 1983 have established a tradition of how to communicate facts, dates and developments that are of interest to the international community of clinicians and researchers working with hypnosis. The structure of the past newsletters are, of course, familiar to you: The news about the national societies of hypnosis allows so-to-speak a view "from above" that yields a pattern of the international trends. The section "Members in the News" serves several functions of which I will name only two: On one hand, it documents the growing reputation hypnosis earns when prominent members are invited or honoured by prestigious institutions outside of the field of hypnosis. On the other hand, it documents the international exchange of ideas and skills when we read about colleagues who give lectures or workshops abroad.

The forming of a tradition, in the positive sense of the word, means a selection of those things that are worth being conserved and continued with. As the new editor of the ISH Newsletter, I will follow the steps of my predecessors and feel their "Anwesenheit" (a German word, denoting the "sensation of the presence of another person, known to occur in the bereaved, in mountaineers, and in the hallucinations which occur while going to sleep or waking" as the first Newsletter editor Anthony Basker points out in his April Newsletter of 1983). I hope that all of you join me in my effort to keep the Newsletter tradition alive. So, please, send in news, dates, anecdotes from every corner of the world.

ISH DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS

You will have received by now a copy of the recently published ISH Directory of members. Every attempt was made to ensure that details contained in this Directory were up to date and correct. In order to do this each who was financial during 1988 was sent a form indicating the records that we held concerning their membership. If this was corrected and returned to us by May 1988 then these alterations were included in the Directory itself.

If you have any alterations or amendments to the Directory or membership records, please send them to us immediately as it is our intention to produce an "Additions and Alterations" insert before the end of this year.

Those with amended, altered or new who are financial for 1989 and 1990 will be included in the Amendments and Alterations.

ROBB STANLEY
Administrative Officer, ISH

