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**Mónica Miegimolle Herrero**

**President, Spanish Society of Paediatric Dentistry (SEOP)**

Dear Dr Mónica Miegimolle Herrero,

Please allow me to introduce myself as the new President of the International Association of Paediatric Dentistry. My name is Marcelo Bönecker and I am a full time Chairman and Professor in Paediatric Dentist Department at the University of São Paulo, Brazil. I am involved in clinical practice and academics and have participated actively in IAPD over the past ten years.

In early July, IAPD celebrated its 50th year anniversary during the 27th Biennial IAPD Congress in Cancun, Mexico. Participants enjoyed the very successful meeting, with a great scientific program and social events. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Mexican colleagues for the great meeting they organized. During the Congress, the new Board of Directors of IAPD was appointed by the Council. Please see above the list of the new Board of Directors for the next two years in the letterhead.

IAPD's main mission is to be the global voice for children's oral health and we will try during the next two years to make it an even stronger voice. IAPD has 73 National Members Societies and is growing steadily and internationally. The IAPD intends to work together with each of its National Member Societies and its individual members to strengthen our specialty and I am confident that with your help we will be able to reach our common goal: the improvement of the oral health of all children.

As an outcome of the 1st IAPD Global Summit meeting in Thailand during November of last year, a document has been published: Early Childhood caries: IAPD Bangkok Declaration, which you will find attached to this letter. This original document and its translation into different languages will be available at the IAPD website. IAPD would like to kindly ask you to share this document with your National Society's members, allowing for discussion of the most recent evidence based recommendations about ECC by them.

I am looking forward to meeting you at future IAPD scientific events such as the Summit Meeting on Caries Management in Taiwan, November 2020 and the 28th IAPD Congress in the



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Netherlands in June 2021. Moreover, you are welcome to send me (bonecker@usp.br) or to our Secretary General, Dr. Ari Kupietzky (drkup@netvision.net.il) a letter with your ideas, suggestions and thoughts about ways to make our organization stronger. I am positive that the active participation of your national society in our organization, will lead us towards reaching the goals of IAPD.

My best wishes to you and all your colleagues.

Sincerely,

**Marcelo Bönecker, President**

