



Dear National Presidents of IFMS,

dear friends,

a kindly welcome to you all.

Let me thank you once again for the support you have given to me during this year of my mandate as Secretary General of IFMS.

Another year is closing and it is time to take stock. My thanks goes to those who have worked together to keep this Federation alive. We have had an example of this solidarity and brotherhood during last Congress in Polanica Zdrój.

Poland as host nation offered an excellent support both in the organization of the Congress and allowing us to visit sites and places full of past and recent history. The meeting with the school and with the volunteers of the Fire Brigade made us understand how essential are either young generations and associations of volunteer in the development of the nation.

As you know, Germany has offered to host the 35<sup>th</sup> annual Congress and I would also like to pass on the greatest support to our German colleagues for the effort required to carry out our next meeting in Bad Reichenhall.

I hope there will be new possibilities to further achieve IFMS goals.

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to everyone and to your dears.

Brigadier General Renato Genovese

IFMS Secretary General

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