



INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF NEMATOLOGY SOCIETIES

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Dear Councillors,

First of all Rosa, Safia and myself wish to thank you for re-electing us for an additional three years as IFNS officers. The main task of this second term will be to support the local organizers with the organization of the 6th International Nematology Congress and the development of the scientific program of the International Congress that will be coordinated by the vice-president.

At the ONTA meeting in Coimbra we had a meeting with the IFNS councillors present at the symposium to discuss the advantage/disadvantage of incorporating IFNS and to explore if there would be support of some societies to deal with the estimated high cost of about 4000 \$. In general, the societies questioned the advantage and need for such an action since many do not have the necessary financial means or fear competition with their society. The main advantage of a C3 (tax-exempt) incorporated organisation is that it will have a legal status which will give the opportunity to attract funding for example to support students and young researchers to attend the congresses. Rodriguez-Kabana assured us that the price will be lower and that he will look into it since we have to follow the US system with IFNS being registered in the US. ESN, SON and ONTA were willing to see if they would be able to deal with the costs. A mail to the councillors asking if they would change their opinion and join the three societies and contribute in financing incorporation of IFNS was without reaction.

I wish to thank you all for your commitment to the Federation. The IFNS Officers wish you a prosperous and interesting and successful 2012.

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President of IFNS