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New President of the IC

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Dear colleagues, dear friends,

you may remember from my last circular that there was a special item on the agenda of our 38th conference in Manipal in India. A new president of the IC had to be elected. This letter is to inform those of you who could not attend the last meeting, that Wolfgang Faigle of the University of the Media at Stuttgart, Germany, has been elected the new president of the IC. I am congratulating Wolfgang, whom I have known for a number of years, and I am sure he will run the IC with as much enthusiasm as is needed for this office.

For me it is to say goodbye as the former president. It was a great period of twelve years during which I had the pleasure to invite a continuously growing number of members of the IC to conferences at Eindhoven and Tilburg, Moscow, Buenos Aires, Stockholm, St. Petersburg, Stuttgart, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Lviv, Hefei, Manipal, and at Wuppertal / Düsseldorf in the years of the Drupa fairs. The conferences really gave excellent opportunities to all of us to meet different people from different countries and backgrounds, but with the same international minds. It was always my pleasure to work hard with them during the days and celebrate the evenings. Many thanks to all those who gave their support to all the IC's activities.

I wish the IC under the leadership of Wolfgang all the best and hope to see you many more times.

Hartmann Liebetruh

Dear colleagues, dear friends,

if a successful person of great distinction retires, Germans are used to say that he or she “leaves big footprints”. Hartmann Liebetrueth certainly was extremely successful as the President of the International Circle, and it was a great honour for me to be elected as his successor. I will do my very best to justify the trust you put in me.

I am convinced that the IC is an association of great significance to all those who committed themselves to the education for the graphic arts. The importance of the IC as a platform for the regular exchange of news, views and ideas about our common subjects and as a global network of colleagues will even increase, with the annual conferences as the highlights.

The year 2007 is a special one for the IC: It was fifty years ago that the IC was founded in Lausanne, Switzerland, and it is my pleasure to announce that our Golden Jubilee Conference will be held there as well this autumn. Our colleagues from heig-vd, the “Haute Ecole d’Ingénierie et de Gestion du Canton de Vaud” at Lausanne and Yverdon-les-Bains were generous enough to invite the International Circle to celebrate its jubilee conference there. This institution is the heir of esig⁺, the former home of our honorary president, Antonio Abbondio. Please note the week between 8 and 12 October 2007; more details will follow soon.

There is even more good news. Our colleague, Alexander Tsyganenko, from the Moscow State University of Printing, made a generous offer: he suggested to launch a scientific journal of the IC, and, if it came to exist, he was prepared to print and distribute it on his university’s expense. Of course, I was extremely pleased about this suggestion, and since that we are busy to develop the project. We are looking forward to present our results at Lausanne and to hear your comments and suggestions. In any case, such a project will not only need readers, but also authors, referees, and an editorial board. You are cordially invited to take part in the project.

Besides, we intend to produce a printed description of all the partner institutions of the International Circle by the Jubilee Conference. So be prepared to write a short contribution about yourself; we will approach you soon with more details.

I’m looking forward to welcome you at Yverdon and to work with you towards our common success.

Wolfgang Faigle