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Words from the WFFM President highlighting the main activities developed throughout 2007 and the future perspectives for this year.

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Dear Friends,

During the past years the WFFM has grown steadily in its membership and has developed its influence on an international level, mainly through the organisation of meetings and conferences on the different themes of common interest to the world of Museums Friends.

These kind of events, organised to define strategies and common action plans, have contributed to reinforce our relationship with professionals working in Museums towards the enrichment of the collections and the safeguard of our cultural heritage in general.

Facing the year of our next Congress, I would like to underline the results obtained during the past 12 months due to our meetings.
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2007 Council and General Assembly

- The 2007 Council and GA held in Singapore, 27-29 April 2007, was a great success in terms of attendance and the location of the venue contributed to reinforce the idea of Museums Friends in the Far East.

2007 Regional Meetings

All these meetings, promoted by the WFFM Regional Vice Presidents, were successful occasions to exchange experiences and ideas on the activities of countries belonging to the same region and sharing similar realities.

- A first European Regional Meeting was held in Valencia Spain, 4-5 March, 2007, hosted by the Spanish Federation of Friends of Museums. It was another step towards a common and mutual philosophy among European members, to back up discussions with local and European authorities.

- A second one was held in Saarbrücken, Germany, 17th-18th of November, hosted by the German Association of Friends of Museums of Fine Arts. It was the occasion to meet our new German colleagues who joined the Organisation last year and to extend the concept of Friends of Museums to further countries in Europe, following the example of the project "Friends around The Baltic" discussed in the Seminar in Stockholm, on the 28th of March 2007.

- The South American Regional Meeting was held in Buenos Aires , Argentina, on the 29th of November. This fruitful working-day reached the great achievement of strengthening our network of Friends of Museums in the South America Region.

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The next WFFM Council and General Assembly Meeting will be held in Paris from the 24th to 27th of April 2008 and it will be hosted by the French Federation of Friends of Museums whose organising team is preparing an interesting program for all members who are going to attend.

The 2008, will be a Congress year! Our next XIII Congress will take place in Jerusalem, Israel, from the 21st to the 26th of Sept. 2008, and, for the first time in its history a WFFM Congress will be hosted by a Museum, the Israel Museum of Jerusalem.



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Our Triennial Congresses are the main events organized by the WFFM and allow us to meet and share our experiences with professionals and people acting in the Museum World.

The general theme of the Congress "The Relationships between Museums, Friends and Volunteers" is the first of all theme of interest for Friends and Volunteers activities and should remind us the fundamental principles included in our Code of Ethics.

It is always important to consider our Code of Ethics' precepts, if we want to foster the highest ethical standards amongst Friends and Volunteers of museums, reinforcing their relations with museum professionals. A fully productive collaboration depends on the quality of this mutual relationship.

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I am sure that the Jerusalem Congress would be a further occasion to clarify once again our area of activity, its boundaries, and its future development. This should be the 2008 challenge for all friends of museums around the world.

I invite you all to participate and promote our next Congress among your Associations of Friends and your colleagues.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Carla Bossi-Comelli, WFFM President
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