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For long I have been dedicated to working for the IPA and its members. Psychoanalysis is important to me and has always been the focus of my professional life.

Financial issues

The IPA's finances are healthy. The problem is how to keep them strong. In the near future revenue is expected to reduce due to the aging of the membership, while at the same time there are questions such as:

- We are spending considerable money on New Groups, but is this spent efficiently, and is it enough?
- Do we spend sufficient funds on research?
- Are our members meaningfully represented in the IPA's structure?
- What is the position of candidates within the IPA and how can they be brought closer to the organization?
- What is the place of the much anticipated 4th region (Asia-Pacific), and how will this impact on structure, costs and representation?
- How can the enormous workload of the IPA's Officers be addressed to ensure that we continue to have quality leadership ready to serve?
- Importantly, how can the IPA leadership combine respect for regional traditions with decision-making based on consensus?

In respect to the latter questions, I am currently chairing the Task Force on Representation, established to address precisely these issues. Members must feel represented and the cornerstone of being represented is to be heard. Opinions must matter.

Of course, whatever future changes the Board adopts, it will certainly not lead to reduced expenditure, while the IPA's governance is already costly compared to other organizations of a similar size.

Experience

I have the in-depth understanding to help address these problems which are extremely complex and require experienced guidance.

I was the IPA Treasurer from 2007-2011 and know the ins and outs of the IPA's finances. Outside the IPA, I have a long experience managing budgets smaller and larger than the IPA's.

A Treasurer is part of the Executive Committee and, as such, participating in the central decision-making. Here again, experience counts, because of the organizational and financial complexity of the IPA being comprised of two companies, a British Charity and a US Trust, each with its own peculiarities. Internally there are 90 Committees and Task Forces, almost 13.000 members, more than 100 Societies and 17 Study Groups. To be sure, it takes knowledge, judgment and experience to keep the organization financially solid and secure.

My working style and philosophy have always been to seek consensus and, only as a last resort, to rely on voting. The IPA needs consensus, which was how I operated in the Investment Oversight Committee and the Budget & Finance Committee.

In conclusion

I am running to become Treasurer again not because I want to revisit the past but because I want to contribute to the IPA's future.

Henk Jan Dalewijk IPA:

- Member Sponsoring and Liaison Committee Moscow Psychoanalytic Group
- Chair IPA Task Force on Representation (2018-)
- IPA Treasurer (2007-2011)
- Chair and member IPA Budget and Finance Committee
- Chair and member of IPA Investment Oversight Committee
- Chair IPA Dues Working Group. IPA-Board member (2003-2007)
- Chair, IPA Committee on Administration Policy and Review (CAPR)
- Chair IPA subcommittee for Europe on Psychoanalysis and Societies
- IPA/EPF Liaison Officer for East European Institute
- IPA: Committee on Structure, resulting in the House of Delegates
- First Chair House of Delegates
- Vice-President and later Treasurer EPF (1993-2002)
- President Dutch Psychoanalytic Society (1987-1993)