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Dear Collective member,

As I reflect on 2019 while it is nearing its completion, IPSA can be proud of its accomplishments in the past year. First and foremost, I would like to note that our success would not have been possible without the dedication of our members, strong leadership of our Executive Committee and hard work of the Secretariat office.

This year IPSA celebrated its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and to mark this auspicious occasion, we had the honor of welcoming many amongst you on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at La Sorbonne University, in Paris, for an academic conference. The keynote address was delivered by Michelle Bachelet, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, followed by roundtable discussions on two very significant topics for our discipline today, *Political Science in Turbulent Times: 1949 – 2019* and *Preserving Academic Freedom in the Face of Democratic Erosion*. The event concluded with the launch of a volume *Political Science and Digitalization - Global Perspectives* edited by myself and IPSA's Past President, Prof. Helen V. Milner. This volume provides the first account of the influence of digitalization on the discipline of political science, including contributions from 20 different countries.

Having brought together IPSA past presidents, secretary generals, past and current Executive Committee members, representatives of national associations and Research Committees, prominent scholars and students from all parts of the world, this event was truly successful in contributing towards IPSA's mission of creating a global political science community in which all can participate. I invite you to visit our website for more information on this momentous event as well as to view photos and videos of its highlights.

Immediately following the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event, the Executive Committee convened for its 131st meeting and I would like to take this opportunity to share with you the important decisions that ensued. To begin with, I am pleased to announce that the Executive Committee chose to nominate Prof. Dianne Pinderhughes from University of Notre Dame, United States, as candidate for the position of President and Prof. Pablo Onate from University of Valencia, Spain, as candidate for the position of President-Elect in the upcoming presidential election during the Council meeting at the 26<sup>th</sup> IPSA World Congress in Lisbon. Please recall that after the rule change the Council approved in Brisbane 2018, the next presidential elections once will identify President and President-elect at a time in order to start the new system.

Another important decision taken during this productive meeting was regarding the future site of the 2022 World Congress. Following a thorough and rigorous evaluation process of the bids presented, the Bid Committee recommended, and the Executive Committee supported the decision, to hold the 2022 World Congress in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The Executive Committee had deliberately invited bids from the continent of Latin America. Therefore, we are pleased to hold the World Congress 2022 in the Global South according to our IPSA mission of being present in all parts of the world.

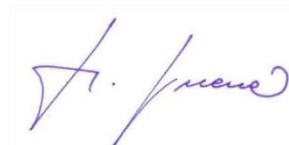
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Moreover, in line with IPSA's continuous efforts to create an inclusive political science community by ensuring balanced representation in terms of region, gender and stage of career in all of its activities, and with the recommendations presented in the Gender and Diversity Action Plan, the Executive Committee put forth and unanimously adopted changes to the following articles in IPSA Rules and Procedures: Book 3, Title III, Art. 6 & 7; Book 4, Title III, Art. 8; Annex 2, Art. 2 & 3; Annex 6, Art. 1. Please take the time to review these amendments in the Rules and Procedures document which can be found on IPSA's website under the Constitution and Mission Statement section.

In addition, in view of the upcoming election of the Executive Committee, changes were made to the provisions governing the election process of IPSA Executive Committee members. Please find the changes in the attachment of this mail. Moreover, I invite you to consult Book 1, Title III, Article 8 in Rules and Procedures. Please note that you will soon be receiving a letter from IPSA's Executive Director with information on the process of nominating a representative to the IPSA Council.

In conclusion, as the calendar page turns to a new year, I would like to thank all of you once again for your continued dedication, loyalty and support. It is a great honor for me to be leading IPSA and I look forward to a very successful year ahead with continued efforts to attain our strategic goals and promote the advancement of political science in the world. I look forward to seeing you at the 26th IPSA World Congress in Lisbon in July 2020.

With best wishes,



Dr. Marianne Kneuer  
President