



Dear IODA Members,

My three years have passed by very fast. Very soon it will be time for me to pass on the baton and for all of us to elect the new President of IODA who will lead, operatively manage and successfully develop our beloved organization in the coming years.

We have come a long way, a lot has happened and a lot has been done in the last couple of years. By now the results, our true possibilities and the growing energy and self-confidence are all visible and tangible thanks to the strong, ongoing commitment and support of our members and the wider IODA Community plus the hard and efficient work of our outstanding IODA Executive Committee.

To carry on with the transformation, to continue the work we've started, to make IODA and its impact grow in the World and to help our vibrant community reach its refreshed strategic goals is indeed a huge task and responsibility. In the next three years this will take even more care, commitment, tenacity, love and professionalism from all of us, not alone by the new President. As the elections were approaching - to my delight - a good number of our outstanding core members talked with me about the option of running for an Executive Committee position. Three of them finally decided to put forward their nominations for the Presidency. Thank you all for that. This in itself makes me confident that we are on the right path and that we are stronger than ever.

This letter is just a short testimony to reassure all our candidates and our members/voters too that looking at the outstanding quality of all three of our candidates IODA will be in good hands in the next three years and we will clearly keep thriving and progressing.

So, hereby let me express and offer my support to all of our three candidates and let them know, that based on my experience the new President can and will be successful if she/ he will

- be able to dedicate enough time, attention and energy to run the organization.
- be ready to invest a lot into making our internal/external communication work.
- be successful in bringing our community together physically and virtually too.
- manage to grow further the membership, recognition and resources of IODA.
- keep building strong partnerships and alliances with our sister organizations.

- so, in short if the new President will be capable of bringing prosperity to IODA through renewal and continuity and through attracting the young generations and bringing together our founding/core and our prospective/new members in one community.

Dear IODA Members, the nature of elections is that at the end only one is elected. Therefore please consider carefully who would in your opinion do the most outstanding job in this position in the next three years. Knowing that - I am sure - the other two candidates will keep contributing, supporting, building and representing IODA in the World in every possible way no matter what.

I'd like to thank all our candidates for running. I wish them the best for the upcoming elections. Enjoy and trust the process and congratulations for being one of the three nominees.

At the same time I would like to ask all of our former and future members to register at our website now and click [HERE](#). Cast your votes as active IODA member in this very important process.

Best regards:

Peter Kalmar
President of IODA