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Dear Gitana;

Welcome! The Lithuanian Dental Hygienists Association has been approved for Full Association Membership in IFDH.

As a House of Delegates (HoD) representative, you have access to the secure HoD section of the IFDH website which will allow you to view confidential IFDH documents and resources that may be downloaded and used for reference.

As a member of IFDH, your organization will be invoiced to pay annual dues.

In addition, your organization will be allowed to have two voting Delegates, an Observer and an Interpreter at the House of Delegates Business Meeting in Australia this year.

Having talked to members who attended our successful 2016 Scientific Symposium in Lucerne, Switzerland, we understand that the greatest value of membership in the IFDH is that it brings together a uniquely diverse group of over 83,000 dental hygienists from around the world – all of whom are interested in advancing the profession of dental hygiene.

What an exciting few years it has been for IFDH! We invite you to be part of these positive changes occurring within the IFDH, as highlighted below.

Our International Symposium: As you know, our organization meets every three years and in June, 2016, we held our House of Delegates (HOD) meeting and Scientific Symposium (ISDH) in Switzerland. The meeting was stimulating and helped to connect over 1,700 dental hygienists from over 30 countries!

Board of Directors: At our 2016 HOD Business Meeting, new officers were elected. Our current Board of Directors includes:

<i>President</i>	<i>Robyn Watson, Australia</i>
<i>President Elect</i>	<i>Corrie Jongbloed-Zoet, Netherlands</i>
<i>Vice President</i>	<i>Wanda Fedora RDH, Canada</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Mary Rose Pincelli, Italy</i>
<i>Secretary</i>	<i>Michaela O'Neill, United Kingdom</i>

IFDH Office & Staff: We have been working together to make changes to improve the IFDH. Included in those changes is a mandate to officially incorporate our association as a non-profit association in the United States, which has been completed. We have Peter Anas as our Executive Director and have established a Central Office in the suburbs of Washington, DC. Peter and his experienced association management staff are ready to assist our members.

Our Central Office contact information is at the bottom of the page or you can Contact Peter Anas directly at director@ifdh.org

Our Goals: The goals of the IFDH for 2016-2019 are to:

1. Promote oral health
2. Increase member benefits
3. Promote leadership development and advocacy within the Dental Hygiene and Allied Associations
4. Promote international networking
5. Promote Social Responsibility Programs
6. Strengthen and increase corporate partnerships
7. Build relationships with interdisciplinary associations
8. Develop a strategic plan
9. Support the development of the dental hygiene profession, and the dental hygiene undergraduate and post-graduate education internationally

Please be sure to read the latest issue of eNews on our website for the latest on IFDH.

As you can see, the officers and delegates are actively engaged in networking and advancing preventive oral health initiatives.

Again, welcome to IFDH and please make your plans to join us at our HOD Business Meeting and the International Symposium, in Brisbane, Australia in August!

Yours sincerely,



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