

IVV Strategic Plan Announcement

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The IVV Presidium has decided to launch a major initiative to create a Strategic Plan for the IVV. Accordingly, an Oversight Committee was formed in February to study how to approach developing such a plan across an international organization. Members of the initial Oversight Committee represented IVV members in Belgium, Luxembourg, the United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, Italy, Canada and France.

The Oversight Committee decided that, for reasons of linguistic simplicity, two groups, one in each of the two IVV official languages, would be formed to study and develop a Strategic Plan in parallel. The English-language Working Group is lead by IVV Vice-President Graham FAWCETT, and the German-speaking Working Group by IVV Secretary Emil DANNEMARK. Invitations to volunteer were sent out to all IVV national members. Volunteers for the English-speaking Working Group now include Roger BAKER (GB), David BONEWITZ (USA), Doug JACKSON (CA), Motohiro KAWAUCHI (JP), Diana MARSHALL (AU), Mitsumasa MIYASHITA (JP) and Lavinia TOMA (RO). Volunteers of the German-speaking Working Group include Guy BORSENBURGER (FR), Romain BUSCHMANN (LU), Georges KINTZIGER (LU), Walter MOTZ (DE), Hansrüdi PLÜSS (CH), and Konrad TENI (AT).

The mandate of each Working Group is to produce a document that will help construct a Strategic Plan for the IVV. Starting from the current situation, an analysis will be made of the many factors to be considered to secure our future.

In the past six weeks, the Oversight Committee has met three times, and each of the Working Groups multiple times. The German-language group has met three times by means of video conference for two hours each. The English-speaking group has the added challenge of being separated by up to 14 hours in different time zones, so document exchanges have been supplemented by individual video conferences on several occasions for almost all members.

The experience and insights of the Working Group members aim to renew, rejuvenate and reimagine our program for the future. The Strategic Plan will guide us, at all levels, for the next two to five years. It will also permit an ongoing process as present challenges are met, and new ones found to be dealt with.