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Dear Colleagues,

I have just read of François' decision not to offer himself for another term as IAP president. I would like to take this opportunity to thank François for all the hard work he has put into the IAP during his term of office as president and it is indeed true that that term has been marked by significant success and I agree with his view that the Association is stronger now than it has ever been in the past.

Nevertheless, there is no room for complacency, and in particular the global economic situation presents substantial risks to us. Many of the governments in the world are cutting back hard on financial expenditure and prosecution offices have had to reduce their budgets as well as everyone else. This places a substantial onus on the IAP to ensure that both the organizational and individual members feel that they are receiving value for their subscriptions and that they continue to fund the organization and attend its conferences and participate in its work at a time when every item of expenditure has to be strictly accounted for. In addition, François is right to emphasise the importance of ensuring an orderly transition at a time when we will have a new Secretary General as well as a new President.

I have been giving some thought to the question of whether I should allow my name to go forward for the presidency of the Association. Although the office of president involves a huge commitment of time and energy, I would regard it as a great honour if I were to be elected to that position and accordingly I have decided that I will put my name forward for the vacancy created by François' retirement.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Prague.

With best wishes,

James Hamilton