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NOTICE TO: EFRA, ROAR, FEMCA AND FAMAR

RE: IFMAR ELECTIONS

At the IFMAR Annual General Meeting held in Messina, Italy on September 9, 2005, my wife, Marian and I did not seek re-election to the positions of IFMAR Secretary/Treasurer and IFMAR President respectively.

As you may know, for some time, we have wished to relinquish our positions but, following requests by numerous contacts, we continued our duties and commitment to IFMAR which, on some occasions, have caused a considerable workload and concern over various matters. After some 10 years, it is now time for us, especially Marian who has carried out the majority of the workload and is deserving of the highest accolades, to have some leisure time, rather than spending every day attending to IFMAR matters.

That is not to say that we have not enjoyed our time as President and Secretary/Treasurer which has enabled us to meet so many people from the various IFMAR-member countries and to attend over 50 IFMAR World Championships, most of which have been organised very successfully by many willing organisers whom we have been able to assist over the organisational period prior to and during each event. Observing the fantastic driving ability of numerous drivers from many IFMAR-member countries has always been of the greatest interest and I trust that, in future, all drivers from all Blocs will continue to be given the opportunity to participate at IFMAR World Championships as the standard of driving is not the only object of an IFMAR World Championship. As per the IFMAR Constitution, the object is to promote international friendship and co-operation throughout the world through and for the construction and operation of radio controlled automobiles.

The new IFMAR President is Mr. E. 'Dallas' Mathiesen, from Sweden ([dallas@efra.se](mailto:dallas@efra.se)) and the IFMAR Secretary/Treasurer is Mr. Jean-Luc Retornaz from France ([jean.retornaz@wanadoo.fr](mailto:jean.retornaz@wanadoo.fr)) and I wish them every success and trust that they will find the honorary positions as rewarding as we have. Please contact them if you have any enquiries regarding IFMAR matters.

In addition, at a recent FEMCA General Meeting, we did not seek re-election as President and Secretary/Treasurer of FEMCA, having held these positions for 18 years. Mr. Trevor Reid and his wife, Mrs. Sandy Reid from New Zealand kindly offered to take up the positions of FEMCA President and Secretary/Treasurer respectively. I am sure they will carry out the FEMCA duties relating to IFMAR in a conscientious manner.

Finally, Marian and I would like to thank the other members of the current IFMAR Executive, Mike Reedy, Sander de Graaf and T. Rex Baldwin for their support and commitment to their numerous IFMAR duties. Also, thanks are expressed to those Bloc representatives who have supported IFMAR over the years.

I wish IFMAR and the 4 IFMAR-member Blocs every success for the future.

John D. Grant.

cc IFMAR Executive