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To the Membership of the ISVR

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Dear Members,

Thank you for supporting my succession from the role of Vice-President. It is with great pleasure that I take over the reigns as President of the Society. To briefly introduce myself, I have worked at the University of Nottingham, UK for over 20 years in research involving applications of Virtual Reality for special education needs and rehabilitation. I have been a member of the ICDVRAT community since 1998, joined the ICVR Steering Committee and then the ISVR Board of Directors in 2009.

I would like to express thanks to the outgoing President, Emily Keshner who, together with the ISVR Board, successfully built the Society over the last few years to a current membership of 185. I hope to be able to continue this good work and to seek new ways to expand the Society over the next three years, both in terms of membership and also in forging new links with other societies and conferences of interest to our members. I also take this opportunity to welcome the new Executives of the Board: Mindy Levin takes over as Vice-President and Cali Fidopiastis as Secretary. Thank you to Paul Sharkey for his significant contributions as outgoing Secretary. We also have some new members to the Board of Directors resulting from the recent elections and I welcome Assaf Dvorkin, Kynan Eng and Belinda Lange. I am sure that they will bring new ideas to take the Society forward.

The Society brings together the research communities of two established conferences: the International Conference on Disability, Virtual Reality and Associated Technologies (ICDVRAT) and the International Conference on Virtual Rehabilitation (ICVR). This is an exciting union of multidisciplinary professionals representing rehabilitation practitioners, researchers, academics and industrialists. A key benefit of ISVR membership is that it offers reduced rates for attendance at these conferences. The next conference is the 9<sup>th</sup> ICDVRAT in Laval, France, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> September 2012 and I very much hope to see you there. The call for papers is currently open. See website <http://www.icdvrat.rdg.ac.uk/> for details. ICVR 2013 will be in Philadelphia, 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> August.

As Emily stated in her last letter to members (Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 2011), Society membership dues were reinstated as of 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2012 and you will soon receive information about renewal of your membership. Fees for the current two-year period are US\$50 for normal membership and US\$25 for full-time students. The Board also has plans to develop the Society website to enhance community interaction and information dissemination. We very much welcome your ideas and suggestions for development as our Society moves forward. Please send comments to Cali or myself via email: [president@isvr.org](mailto:president@isvr.org); [secretary@isvr.org](mailto:secretary@isvr.org)

I look forward to an enjoyable period in office and to working with the Board and the membership to build our Society. I also look forward to meeting you all at conferences and events.

Sincerely yours,



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