

## **Letter from the President and CEO**

Dear friends of Cystic Fibrosis Worldwide.

Another year has gone without a cure found. We will continue to strive for this outcome.

2015 was another busy year for CFW, was a year where we have ensured that we have finalized all report all reporting responsibilities and I can safely say CFW is now in a strong position to strengthen our fundraising drive to support our current and new programs.

With limited funds during 2015 CFW has co-ordinate a Physiotherapy Workshop in Sarajevo during May 2015, we are grateful to members of the CFW Educational team Louise Lannefors and Cecilia Rodriguez-Hortal, for the work they did with the workshop This as you will read in Louise and Cecilia's report was a very successful workshop and I am sure the people from Bosnia have gained from their professional presentation and support. We also must thank Pari and Horst Melh for their donation in providing nebulizer systems etc and Trip Advisor for their assistance in providing funds for travel and accommodation.

November 2015 CFW coordinated the second CF Latin American two (2) day workshop in Costa Rica, with over 70 people attending, from Costa Rica and 5 other Latin American countries. This workshop was lead by CFW Director Aisha Ramos with 2 Spanish speaking physiotherapist and a dietician , who gave presentations to both medical professionals and lay people and was greatly appreciated by all. There is a third Latin American workshop planned for El Salvador in Nov/Dec 2016.

I have established contact with a private philanthropist in the USA who is interested in providing assistance to Latin American countries. He has already provided support in the region through donations of medicines and equipment and is interested in broadening that involvement I am in regular contact with him to find opportunities for him to increase his involvement.

CFW continues to support our members by supporting their campaigns and projects through letters of support and working to help have CF recognized by health ministries/services. As example of our support is a letter of support we provided to support the Polish Cystic Fibrosis Society application to host a European Cystic Fibrosis Society Conference in the future.

The new CFW website is under development and will be launched in 2016 it is hoped that it will be released in time for the 2016 ECFS Conference in Basel, Switzerland.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow CFW Board Members for their time, wisdom, knowledge and commitment in making this a better place for the CF Global Community. I also thank our Administrator Danette Lamothe, who has looked after our back of office responsibilities in a very professional way.