

FOREWORD

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When I was elected a president of the Central and Eastern European Chapter of ISEE last year during the annual conference in Paris, I felt a pleasure, but most of all responsibility and commitment.

It was not only the commitment to Anna Paldy, the ending president, who nominated me as an eligible candidate and continuator of her activities, but also commitment to all CEEC ISEE members and also potential members from Central and Eastern European countries.

During the first period after the ISEE Conference in Paris a new website of the Chapter was created with the sponsorship of the Institute of Public Health in Ostrava. All the members' contacts were updated and also actual information were presented in the website.

At that time also additional scientific journal (Central European Journal of Public Health) became an official journal of the CEE Chapter that increased the publication opportunities for scientists from the Central and Eastern European countries.

The most important Chapter activity in this year is organizing the CEEC ISEE meeting and conference in Čeladná in November. The title of the Conference "Young vision and expert know-how in environmental epidemiology" should evoke that the Conference is not only a place where to present the results of participants' work, but also a place where to meet with colleagues and to discuss various approaches and problems in the field of environmental epidemiology research and praxis.

I hope that you will enjoy the Conference and will find there new partners for further collaboration.