## SDRM International Society for the Development of Research on Magnesium

President Prof. Federica I. Wolf



To the Magnesium Research Scientific Community

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

In the bureau Meeting of Paris on December 8th, 2010, the President André Mazur indicated my name for completing his mandate to run the Presidency up to 2012.

I feel honoured but also challenged by Dr. Mazur's indication. For the first time the SDRM gains an international status not only in representing the magnesium research community but also by choosing its President outside of the traditional French borders.

The first and most demanding challenge we face is to keep our pace in promoting and disseminating magnesium research at the highest scientific level.

Over the last decade we witnessed a number of exciting breakthroughs in the field of magnesium transport at both cellular and systemic levels. We now need to translate such a body of information into solid facts and molecular interventions in those diseases that we considered to be characterized by an altered magnesium homeostasis.

The actions that I am going to promote are the following:

1) In collaboration with Stefano Iotti and thanks to hospitality by the University of Bologna, we are organizing the

## II<sup>nd</sup> European Magnesium Meeting - EuroMag 2011 San Giovanni in Monte, Bologna, June 8-10, 2011

a small-sized for-the-specialist meeting that will bring research leaders to present and discuss most recent advances in the field. You are cordially invited to join us and to contribute to the success of this Meeting.

2) to set up a Society website that updates Members on important news and provides a forum to exchange ideas and to foster collaborations.

3) to support the organization of the XIV International Magnesium Symposium, to be held in fall 2012 in Mexico under the presidency of Dr. Fernando Guerrero Romero.

I understand these are ambitious tasks, but I count on your intellectual enthusiasm and effective cooperation to keep the SDRM growing in visibility and reputation.

Last but not least I would like to thank Andrè Mazur for trusting me in this role, and Professor Jean Durlach-SDRM founder- for his tangible success in bringing the magnesium research community to an established international level. Sincerely,

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