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Season's Greetings

We take this opportunity to send Season's Greetings to all our PTC colleagues and friends around the world.

Change of Chairman and Management Structure a personal note



Dear All,

As you may know, we have come a long way since we ran our first PTC course in Fiji in 1996. I have been the Founder Chairman of the Primary Trauma Care Foundation from its beginning, and have been privileged to be part of a family of dedicated people who have given their time free to promote trauma training world wide. The PTC Foundation expanded from an idea and a room in my house in 313 Woodstock Rd to now being the Headquarters of a large multinational trauma organisation.

We can be tremendously proud of what we have been able to achieve in PTC. We have run courses in over 48 countries throughout the world and the PTC manual is translated into 13 languages. The WHO also prints the PTC manual. The dissemination of this material at low cost to as many countries as possible, empowering and motivating their own doctors to take responsibility for their own trauma training has been a core ethos in my thinking as we

have expanded PTC worldwide.

This year 2010 has been a very busy year with the big starter year of PTC in China after eight years of negotiation as well as extended PTC work. It has been apparent to me for some time that Primary Trauma Care Foundation has grown into a very large organisation needing professional input in management and time should we continue to grow.

I have worked for 15 years to build this organisation, without any remuneration, and while I have loved it, it has taken its toll on my other commitments including family.

I have therefore taken the decision to stand down as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of PTCF. At our November meeting of the Trustees, Roy Fenner was unanimously elected as the new Chairman of the Board and at that meeting we also agreed to set up an elected Council which would play an important role in helping to run the Primary Trauma Care Foundation. Previously, at the August meeting, we unanimously agreed to employ a Chief executive. The need for fresh vision and ownership of countries and acknowledgement of all the work done by individuals should be something that is the hallmark of Primary Trauma Care. PTC has always encouraged new blood and new vision and I am hopeful as I stand down this will encourage a new perspective vision and direction within Primary Trauma Care family.

Over the last 15 years, I could not have done this without the tremendous help of so many people. To name a few: Haydn Perndt and Mike Dobson for their initial inspiration, Marcus Skinner as co-author of the PTC manual, Stuart Benham, Matthew Roberts, Rob McDougall, Stephen Swallow, Paul Borgdorff, James de Courcy, Frank Walters and then especially Roy Fenner and Annette Clack at Head Office. PTC's vision has been inspired by so many dedicated, caring people who want the best for their country, and who work tirelessly for better health care for their people – thank you for that inspiration.

I would also like to thank the WFSA for their on going support over the years. We have dealt with three successive educational Chairs of the WFSA,



Haydn Perndt, Angela Enright and Jannicke Mellin-Olsen and I give them credit for the growth within PTC over the years. This has been teamwork and I do hope that that relationship will continue in the future.

I am delighted to introduce Charles Clayton our first Chief Executive (CEO) of Primary Trauma Care Foundation. He is a very experienced CEO of world standing and we are very grateful to have his expertise. I wish him and his new team well as they take PTC forward.

I will continue as the Primary Trauma Care Founder doing what I can to help but I look to and hope that the Chief Executive and the new Council will take PTC forward in to the future.

Very best wishes,

Douglas Wilkinson,
PTC Founder

Letter from PTCF CEO



Dear friends and colleagues,

It is a pleasure and privilege to have joined the **PTCF** as the new Chief executive. I have known a little about the organisation over recent years and have great respect for its worldwide achievements.

Since starting my job in September, on a part-time basis, I have committed as much time as possible to learning about the people and the work, and preparing for the future. It has been a delight to get to know some of you already and in time I hope this will extend as widely as possible.

As you know, the Board of Trustees has been considering ways to develop the Foundation. One of our first priorities is to raise more money to support the central administration of the Foundation, so that it can fulfil its role on behalf of the worldwide movement.

The development of the worldwide organisation, however, is something that needs much broader input from everyone involved, and indeed we have now begun to seek advice and guidance as widely as possible. This will be a longer process over the year ahead, covering a wide range of topics. The Trustees have agreed to form a new Council which will become a self-sustaining body elected from all the regions, and its responsibilities will include key aspects of the **PTCF's** future development.

Allow me to say a word about my own role. I see myself as a servant of the Foundation, seeking first to clarify our vision and then to ensure that we are organised for maximum efficiency and effectiveness in achieving it. I know that sounds like "mere words" but I hope it will also become a reality ... and I cannot do it without you.

My wife and I live in Oxford and we have two daughters, both married with families, one in Oxford and the other in Sydney.

With warmest greetings and looking forward to working with you.

Charles Clayton

NEW PTCF CHAIRMAN



Roy Fenner has now taken up the reigns as Chairman of PTC, being involved for over 6 years as Director and Company Secretary. Roy commented that he was greatly honoured to be elected as Chairman and he is looking forward to new Trustees being appointed and to meeting more of PTC's international team and more often.