



FORMER FAO AND OTHER UN STAFF ASSOCIATION FFOA

Roma, 23rd December 2016

Subject: Notice of Impending Membership Renewal Deadline

Dear Members,

Amazing as it may seem, another year has come and gone. I wanted to remind you that your annual membership in FFOA is about to expire.

During the past year, your membership and participation has helped the Association to:

- Maintain our office that is open 5 days a week from 9.30 to 13.00 hours;
- Protect your interests and follow up on all queries and concerns with the medical insurance provider, Alliance Worldwide Care. The transition from the previous partner has not been without problems and addressing these without delay is a continuing high priority for the Association;
- Deal assertively with the UN Joint Staff Pension Fund (UNJSPF) as new pensioners faced long delays in seeing their first payments; calls to the CEO as well as a meeting during the Annual General Assembly were organized to get the facts and share without delay with our members;
- Prioritize communication on pressing, emerging issues, ensuring that members have the latest factual information, as quickly as possible;
- Offer a pre-retirement temporary membership to smooth the transition towards retirement.

In the coming year, important areas of activity will include:

- Close monitoring, through our participation on the FAO Joint Advisory Committee on Medical Coverage, of the performance of the medical insurance provider, to ensure that pensioners needs are fully met, as well as staying attentive as discussions begin on the next contract;
- Continuing the dialogue with the UNJSPF and raising individual member issues;
- Our vibrant social and support program, bringing together active members to share pleasant moments, and providing assistance to the less fortunate among us, including the re-activation of our Emergency Fund.

But if FFOA is to keep working on your behalf, your continued membership support is essential. Our members give us strength in ensuring secured services and improvement for UN retirees. It is through your contribution that the Association flourishes.

Renewing your membership is easy. You can make your Euro 25 payment:

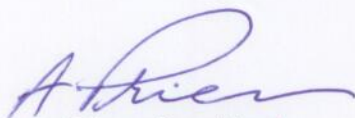
- **in cash** at the FFOA Office;
- **by cheque** in the name of "FFOA" (mail the cheque to FFOA, c/o FAO, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, 00153, Rome, Italy);
- **by bank transfer** to the bank account of "FFOA" with the Intesa San Paolo at FAO Headquarters, IBAN: IT50T0306903356007326370137;
- **by transfer** from your UNFCU account to the FFOA UNFCU account No. 1771070.

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To be sure not to forget to renew, you can even instruct your bank to make the payment annually, via a standing order; if you have already renewed your membership or if you are a life member, kindly consider this letter as a reminder of the important activities which we have undertaken during the current year.

If you have any questions about your membership or benefits, or suggestions about how FFOA could better meet your requirements, I'd love to hear from you, either by email or letter. And, if you have the time and want to be more directly involved in the work of your Association, there are many opportunities to put your expertise to the service of FFOA.

I look forward to receiving your membership renewal. Thank you again,



A. Prien, President