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## Dear friends and members of the International Society of Hypnosis (ISH),

You are most probably aware of the fact that the central office of ISH was located in Australia from 1973 - 2004. We want to thank our Australian colleagues, especially Rob Stanley, for the many years they have managed the ISH Central Office so effectively. However, it was a long and difficult process to change the location of the ISH Central Office from Australia to Europe after so many years. Eric Vermetten, President of ISH, took on the challenge to start a new ISH Central Office in the Netherlands. The ISH membership lists available at the time were incomplete and the addresses of many members changed or were not valid any more. The ISH Central Office is currently doing their best to update our membership lists with the latest information and appropriate contact details. Our Board of Directors has monthly telephone conferences to streamline the administration of ISH and to fulfil our goal of making ISH a success again.

A strong International Society of Hypnosis represents the field of hypnosis amongst international organizations, and will also be in a position to organize and coordinate international activities such as "The Triennial International Congress" from 24 - 27 September 2009 in Rome, Italy. The Society will also publish an International Journal, and will be responsible for networking and disseminating information regarding the activities of the constituent societies as well as coordinating international contact between members and societies around the world. The Society will also have an online newsletter so that you - the members, can stay connected with your colleagues. ISH will conduct regular elections for the International Board and its Commissions. ISH could be contacted at <http://www.ish-web.org/> for more information and online registration.

Many constituent societies around the world are affiliated to ISH and individual membership is also available. It makes sense to also provide for individual membership as we are of the opinion that the leading professionals of each country must be members of a strong international network organised by the International Society of Hypnosis. According to the constitution and by-laws of ISH the individual members of the society directly elect the president of the society.

During the period of time when ISH moved office from Australia to Europe, members of the society never received accounts for paying their membership fees.



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The current board of directors therefore decided not to issue invoices for the missed years. ISH will now start fresh again by issuing invoices for 2008. Our membership fee is still a reasonable fee and will include a free copy of the International Hypnosis Journal (IJCEH). In this way the International Society also supports the publication of an influential International Hypnosis Journal.

To date some board members invested a lot of their private time, resources and money to keep the society going. We therefore kindly request those members who can afford it, to pay the outstanding membership fees from 2004 to 2007 or at least one year. It will be greatly appreciated and will help us to build ISH up again to a society that can fulfil its role to serve its members effectively. Should you be in a position to support us by paying for the previous years (2004 – 2007), we will issue you with an invoice for those years, including the 2008 membership fees, which can then be used for tax reduction purposes in your country. We kindly request you to transfer your membership fees as soon as possible.

We are also taking this opportunity in inviting you to send in contributions and news from the activities of all our constituent societies and we also welcome any ideas and suggestions to assist us in making ISH a society to be proud of.

You can also visit our webpage at <http://www.ish-web.org> and make sure you do not miss the opportunity to register at the early bird price for our next International Congress in Rome, Italy.

Warm regards

Eric Vermetten  
President of ISH

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## Invoice for Membership fees 2008

The Membership fees for 2008 including the IJCEH Journal \$ 90,-

I appreciate the efforts to re-establish an effective International Hypnosis Society and I will support this endeavour by paying my membership fees for the year 2008 / and past years. Please send me an invoice for the following years.

2008	Yes	No
2007	Yes	No
2006	Yes	No
2005	Yes	No
2004	Yes	No

TOTAL

Name

Country

E-mail address