

## **TO IFToMM ON ITS 40TH ANNIVERSARY**

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS TO THE COUNCIL AND TO ALL MEMBERS OF IFToMM ON THE FEDERATION'S 40th ANNIVERSARY.

IN 1969, ON A FINE AUTUMN EVENING IN ZAKOPANE , THE FEDERATION WAS FOUNDED . MANY PEOPLE IN MANY COUNTRIES HAD COME TO REALISE THAT EXISTING INTERNATIONAL BODIES COLD NOT ACCOMMODATE THE EXPANDING INTERESTS OF OUR FIELDS .

SO OUR FOUNDERS, LED BY ACADEMICIAN ARTOBOLEVSKII, TOOK A MAJOR STEP FORWARD. THEY CREATED A NEW INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION. IT WAS A BRAVE STEP AND IT LED TO HIGH-LEVEL ADVANCES.

I REMEMBER WITH MUCH AFFECTION THE MANY DEDICATED PEOPLE WHO HELPED TO BUILD UP THE FEDERATION THROUGHOUT ITS LIFE. FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD, THEY KEPT IN CLOSE AND FRIENDLY TOUCH WITH EACH OTHER - EVEN PRE-INTERNET.

TO THEIR SUCCESSORS I WISH EVERY SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

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