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Dear Academicians

With my very best wishes for the New Year I would like to present you with some ideas that should help to reanimate the Academy, bearing in mind that the challenge we have is to convey to all nuclear stakeholders the experience of our small group of extremely highly qualified individuals, in the quest of a better understanding of nuclear issues.

First of all, the recent Fukushima event has presented us with a very important opportunity to participate in the debates ensuing. Several points of view have been expressed, and hopefully we will have several papers by year's end to publish.

As individuals we participate in scientific and technical meetings, I strongly encourage you to let our Secretary know about these, or maybe even to use the web, to let all the membership know about these activities in order to exchange views on the events, plan gatherings of members attending, and in general improve the networking of the Academy.

It may be a good idea, as suggested by Harold McFarlane, for all of us to join LINKEDIN (<http://www.linkedin.com/home>) as an efficient mean to keep in touch.

The Secretary has distributed several drafts or outlines of papers to attract our participation in their preparation and review. I respectfully urge you to participate, as much as possible, in these projects, and to let Dr. Clark know about the extent of your participation.

It was the intention of the Executive Committee to set up a program aiming at regularizing the payment of membership dues. This is a serious problem, since the INEA, although supported by a very able and dedicated Secretary, is in a very difficult economic situation to print and distribute papers, practically the only mechanism to take advantage of the knowledge assets within our membership. I strongly recommend those of you who have not yet done so, to cover your dues as soon as possible.

We are faced with a very good opportunity to help set the record

straight, contributing to create an objective view about nuclear energy and its multiple applications, in a world that has a tendency to mix real solutions with wishful thinking.

May I again take this opportunity to wish all of you a successful and happy year?

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