MEMORANDUM

Date: November 17, 2009

To: ICHPER-SD Members (Individual and Life, National, Institutional or International Organization, and Library); Affiliated Members, Associated Members, HPERSD professionals at large

From: Dong Ja YANG, Ph.D.  Dr. Adel Elnashar, Ph.D.
President  Secretary General

Re: 2010 ICHPER-SD Forum & Employment of ICHPER-SD Executive Director

Greetings! We trust that this memorandum reaches you in peace, and good health and enjoying success in all your endeavors.

To begin, since we have been busy finalizing the schedules, printing the booklet and finalizing the renegotiation of the 52nd ICHPER-SD Anniversary World Congress, the Council’s usual business has been taking a back seat. Nevertheless, our persistence has rewarded us with enough of an increase in the ICHPER-SD account balance to finally be able to hire our new full-time ICHPER-SD Executive Director, Mr. Charles T.G. Ambrus (E-mail: cambrus@aahperd.org).

I. 2010 ICHPER-SD FORUM

The re-scheduled 52nd ICHPER-SD Anniversary World Congress in Doha, Qatar, (May 8 – 12, 2010), will take place only 6 weeks after March 16, 2010, the date of the 2010 ICHPER-SD Forum scheduled in conjunction with the 125th National Convention and Exposition of the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD) in Indianapolis, Indiana in the U.S. Therefore, we have no choice but to reduce the time allocation and further modify the FORUM program.

All ICHPER-SD and AAHPERD members who are registered with the 125th AAHPERD Convention & Exposition are welcome to attend the 2010 ICHPER-SD FORUM. Especially our
members from abroad are cordially invited to come and experience the wide array of programs at the annual AAHPERD National Convention. Upon your registration with the AAHPERD Convention (www.aahperd.org/convention), you may then request an invitation for your entry visa to the United States from ICHPER-SD headquarters (e-mail: ichper@aahperd.org) in Reston, Virginia 20191-1598, USA. When registering with the AAHPERD Convention, ICHPER-SD members will be honored with a reduced registration fee category, ‘Collegial’ (Registration fees and deadlines are: U.S. $250 by 1/15/10; $295 by 2/19/10; $330 onsite or beginning 2/20/10 & $165 onsite one day).

The AAHPERD Annual Convention and Exposition is the greatest national academic and scientific forum in the world and a very popular educational festival for professionals in our field. Usually, more than 6,000 dedicated HPERSD professionals from the U.S. and around the world come to experience and choose from more than 400 programs and 300 exhibitors – a unique interdisciplinary blend of sessions, plenary and topical lectures, workshops, oral and poster presentations highlighting emerging issues and trends in health, physical education, recreation, sport and dance.

The 2010 ICHPER-SD Forum will focus on finalizing the 52nd ICHPER-SD World Congress symposium programs in each of the 5 ICHPER-SD Divisions (i.e., Health, Physical Education, Recreation, Sport and Olympic Movement, and Dance) under the leadership of each ICHPER-SD Commissioner. The five Commissioners are: Dr. Mohammad R. Torabi (Health, E-mail: torabi@indiana.edu); Dr. Timothy Henrich (Physical Education, henrich@uiwtx.edu); Dr. Joseph Levy (Recreation, marathonjoe2003@yahoo.com); Dr. Thomas Rosandich (Sport and Olympic Movement, tprosandich@ussa-sport.ussa.edu); and Dr. Janice D. LaPointe-Crump (Dance, jancrump@centurytel.net). Those ICHPER-SD members who plan to participate in the World Congress in Doha as presenters (e.g., oral, poster, and/or symposium/demonstration sessions) are encouraged to contact the ICHPER-SD Commissioner in your area (i.e., Division) to inquire about the possibility of being one of the 5 panel members at the symposium session, and/or to be nominated for appointment as Director of an ICHPER-SD Commission (see the Booklet p. 13 & 14). All those who have been appointed Commission Directors (when nominated by the Commissioner and approved by the President) will receive Special Certificates of Appointment at the closing/awards segment of the 2010 ICHPER-SD Forum. The final agenda of the Forum will be announced by February 20, 2010 in consultation with Division Commissioners.

We also invite all interested HPERSD professionals to attend, including those who wish to serve as reviewers and/or in leadership positions for the ICHPER-SD Journal of Research as well as the Journal of ICHPER-SD, and all graduates and undergraduates who would like to participate in our mission/programs, including the World Congress in Doha, Qatar. The appointment procedures for the editorial team (i.e., editors, associate and assistant editors, and reviewers) will be enforced as stipulated in the Operating Code for the ICHPER-SD Journal of Research. The Operating Code for the Journal of ICHPER-SD is still being drafted.

II. The Employment of the ICHPER-SD Executive Director

It is indeed my great pleasure to inform you that Mr. Charles T.G. Ambrus is the new ICHPER-SD Executive Director and began his first day on November 9, 2009. Mr. Ambrus was

Mr. Ambrus has an exceptional background in political and not-for-profit management, fundraising and development as well as organizational and communication skills. He is a highly trained and experienced professional with an MBA and a concentration in finance and management. He has worked with government, political and corporate leaders, foundations and not-for-profit organizations, and we are very certain that he will meet our high expectations.

As President and in close consultation with Dr. Adel Elnashar, Secretary General, and Mrs. Carmella Gilpin, Administrative Associate – who has been working for our organization for over 20 years – I selected him as the best of the final five candidates. One of his most outstanding talents was his understanding of international relations and dynamics beyond his creative, analytic and strategic thinking.

Mr. Ambrus’ “Special Note from the Executive Director” to our members worldwide will be published in the *ICHPER-SD Journal of Research*, Volume IV., No.2, Fall & Winter 2009, which is scheduled to be disseminated during the first or second week of December 2010. He is eager to communicate as much as possible with individual and *Life* members as well as our leaders at the national, regional and international levels.

Please find the time to send your words of welcome and encouragement to our new Executive Director and offer any assistance you can provide, as the Council’s operation embarks in a new direction to the not-for-profit business model and new strategic initiatives!

In closing, we thank you for your patience, support and dedication that have contributed so much to this milestone in our organization’s achievement.

Congratulations, Mr. Charles T. G. Ambrus, ICHPER-SD Executive Director!