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Dear Hans,

As your longstanding term as President of ICEVI-Europe has recently come to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your hard work and dedication in building and growing ICEVI-Europe into what it has become today.

You have tirelessly given your time and resources to increasing the integrity and visibility of ICEVI-Europe across all European regions and driving it forward towards achieving its mission of promoting an inclusive society in which persons with a visual impairment achieve their desire to actively participate as full members of society.

Over the past decades during your tenure as President, ICEVI-Europe has experienced great success in establishing strong relationships with fellow professionals, specialists and service providers working in the education and rehabilitation of persons with visual impairment. As a visionary and inspiring leader, you have put forth great efforts into facilitating the exchange of knowledge and expertise by supporting the organization of regional and European conferences, realizing the need for a strong network of professional interest groups and encouraging the implementation of training and professional development activities.

The relationships you have nurtured with our members, stakeholders, and partners will ensure ICEVI-Europe will prosper and continue to stimulate cooperation and create networks between professionals, with the ultimate goal of improving the quality of life of people with visual impairment.

Your energy, passion and commitment to the role will be difficult to follow, but you leave ICEVI-Europe on a healthy and solid foundation for the years to come.

Once again, please accept my sincere appreciation for the dedication and exemplary job you have accomplished in your 13-year term as President.

I wish you all the very best in your future endeavors and look forward to your ongoing involvement within the board of ICEVI-Europe in your integral role as the Immediate Past President.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'JRavenscroft'.

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