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Welcome to the Winter Edition of the Campaign newsletter and, firstly, my wholehearted best wishes to all Lions and their families for a happy, health and successful 2011.

A New Year provides an ideal opportunity to reflect on the events of the year just ended, the progress we have made and the work still to be done as we continue to move our quest forward.

The period prior to the MD Convention in Leeds was demanding yet uplifting. The hard work that was put in by a great many members of the team in visiting Conventions and other events, showing the flag and ensuring that the team remained visible was humbling. The response we received at those Conventions, the support and encouragement received from Lions throughout the Multiple District was moving and reinforced our belief that we were doing 'the right things in the right way' in the way we were managing and promoting our campaign, honestly and with integrity.

The week after our Convention came the German Lions Convention and the warmth of the reception we received showed the strength of feeling from the Lions of Germany, as well as the complete awareness of the result achieved in Leeds amongst the Lions Leaders from many European countries who were attending.

Sydney provided a first opportunity to gauge feeling in the wider, International, arena and the conversations we had with Lions Leaders from across the world were positive and encouraging.

In September we travelled to Milwaukee to attend the USA/Canada Lions Leadership Forum and a very positive four days followed as opportunities for meetings with Executive Officers, Past Presidents and other Senior Lions occurred. A few days after returning from Milwaukee it was off to Edinburgh for the Council of Governors Meeting, held to coincide with the International Board meeting. This allowed for more opportunities for meetings and I am very grateful to our International President and other Senior Lions for the time they made in their diaries, at what is an extremely busy, and pressured, occasion for the meetings we had.

In November we went to Italy, to Bologna for the Europa Forum. In previous articles reference has been made to the European Working Party I have had the privilege of chairing for the past few years. The final report of that body and the recommendations it put forward, were presented to the Forum. The first act was a 90 minute seminar at which I presented the Groups findings and recommendations and answered questions asked.

The Seminar went well and we moved to the plenary sessions where further searching and demanding questions were put, including a number around the Constitution; all questions were answered and clarifications given, including advice that we had sought clarity around the Constitution as part of our research. Finally, the vote! I was delighted that the recommendations and resolutions were accepted by a majority of 25 to 1, a comprehensive outcome.

I also had the opportunity meet with my good friend PID Barry Palmer, from Australia, the endorsed candidate for 2nd Vice President at the Seattle Convention.



## The Newsletter for PID Phil's Campaign for International 2nd Vice President

The last big event of 2010 was the first of our District Conventions, 105NE, held in magnificent surroundings in the beautiful Tyne Valley and capably chaired in his firm but gentle style by DG Larry Collins, aided and abetted by his International Guest, ID Luis Dominguez, from Spain. As always, it was a pleasure to have the opportunity to renew friendships with the Lions of the District, make new friends and listen to the excellent work undertaken by all Lions in their respective communities.



The Campaign Committee met in January to continue planning the way forward; as we have always said, this is not a sprint it's a middle distance race. There was a lot of enthusiasm, good ideas and an excellent team spirit and the outcome of these ideas will be seen in coming months.

I am grateful for the continuing opportunity to draw on the wisdom and wise counsel of Past Director Philip Daubeney, who has an excellent knowledge of the workings of our Association, as the Honorary Chairman of the Campaign. PID Philip has been involved at a senior level for very many years, is very respected, and has undertaken several high profile roles in his own right.

The Campaign Committee, together with the District Representatives, have been a tremendous support group, hardworking, united as a team and dedicated. But, importantly, we have a culture where challenge and questioning is important and the views of all are considered.

One question I have been asked is, what changes, from an International perspective, when you are certified? There are some subtle changes, for example, it is not considered appropriate for a certified candidate to undertake functions such as DG Seminar Leader, so I have had to decline an invitation to be a Faculty member. Other European Candidates have elected not to pursue their certification so that they may act as DGE Seminar Leaders.

I am grateful to the Council of Governors for their continuing support and encouragement, it is very much appreciated.

We move into 2011 in a very positive frame, we know what we have to do, we have ideas in place to continue moving forward and look forward to your continuing support.

Already this year I have assisted Dr Paul Whittaker with reorganising Music and the Deaf and am delighted that PDG David Seager (105BN) and 2VDG Phil Robinson (105SE) have accepted the invitation to act as Company Secretary and Finance Director, respectively, bringing with them excellent skills and experience.



I would like to thank the Council of Governors for nominating me as the Multiple District's representative on the new Steering Group, which met for the first time in early January, in Frankfurt, under the Chairmanship of Immediate Past International President Eberhard Wirfs.

And at the end of January I, together with PCC Geoff Leeder, attended the Scandinavian Lions Forum, in Finland, but more of that next time.

**For the latest news on PID Lion Phil, please look at his website [www.lionphilnathan.co.uk](http://www.lionphilnathan.co.uk)**

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