

*I am proud to have been re-elected Secretary General of the IFSR, an office which I have held since 1993. During this time the IFSR and consequently my work has changed considerably.*

*The number of members has grown from a handful to 45 and the Information Age requires a new way to communicate and cooperate with our members. In 1993 our link was the Newsletter, published 4 times a year in 3000 to 4000 copies and mailed to our members for re-distribution.*

*Today a quick and intensive information interchange is a must and the IFSR has to provide this to be viable. Our strategy will be based on three pillars:*

*the IFSR website, an IFSR NEWS service, and the IFSR Newsletter.*

*The IFSR website will offer up-to-date information for everybody and at the same time function as the archive of the IFSR, containing past Newsletters, IFSR Proceedings, general information about our members, projects, etc.*

*The IFSR NEWS service, powered by Mail Chimp, offers direct mail information of selected news to registered subscribers at irregular intervals, typically conference announcements. The subscription is open to everybody at no cost.*

*The IFSR Newsletter will continue essentially in its present form with: containing after-the-fact reports especially from events with IFSR cooperation and relevant information from/to our members.*

*Since February of this year the IFSR Website is fully operational after a long period of difficulties.*

*Most of the information is still provided by the IFSR Executive committee to the members based on information sent to me. I am now working to partially automatize this information transfer and I hope that this will increase the influx of information from our members. The biggest challenge is to improve the information interchange BETWEEN our members.*

*My challenges for the coming two years are:*

- Improving and partly automating the information transfer between our members via the Web-Site and the IFSR NEWS-service*
- Cooperating with the IASCYS (the International Academy of Systems and Cybernetic Sciences), WOSC (..) and UES/EUS*
- Helping to improve the visibility of our Journal of 'System Research and Behavior Science' and of our IFSR Books Series. Again the IFSR Website and the IFSR News will be a strategic dissemination support.*

*I invite you to look into our dissemination offerings, utilize these services to promote your ideas and plans, and contact me for further cooperation initiatives.*

*To a successful future of the IFSR !*

*Yours*

*Gerhard Chroust*