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The last newsletter of 2016! We are at the end of the year and can evaluate everything that has been done. Which has been a lot. We have finalized our renewed identity, including the updated vision and mission and our new website and newsletter format. We had some great meetings, including a constructive meeting with the Spanish and Italian organisation. Not to forget about our meeting with IFI last November or the meeting with CFAI and AinB, our French institutional and Belgium members, in Brussels about legislation and regulation of the profession and actions toward Europe in this. And of course, I am looking back at a very successful general assembly in Switzerland, with again a great compliment and big thank you to our VSAP.SA (VSI.ASAI), our Swiss member. And to end with, I would like to welcome our new Bulgarian observer member. I can't mention everything, but at least I can share some highlights.

With this in mind we can only heading towards a great new and fresh 2017. A special year since we will celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> birthday! A remarkable date; illustrating both the incredible work that has been done in this relatively short time (with a big thank you to the boards and presidents before me), as the still relatively young organisation we are.

Therefore I would like to announce a combined general assembly with a great birthday event! Program, invitations and exact dates will follow. Please save the dates:

**General Assembly & 25<sup>th</sup> birthday event ECIA in ESTONIA 2017, September 7–10.**

Events mainly at the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> – I am hoping I see you all there!

Merry Christmas!

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