

Danylo Korbabicz, IFLRY Vice President
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Dear Liberal Friends,

As the outgoing executive of over two years formally hands over their responsibilities at this electoral General Assembly, I want to thank you, the membership, for your support and confidence. We have accomplished a great deal over this past mandate. We have stabilized the finances and secured new sources of funding. We have delivered an increase in programming and an expansion of thematic events. We have revamped our communications efforts.

For a group of volunteers coming from a diverse set of backgrounds with their own jobs, schooling and other important responsibilities (such as being Members of Cabinet!), this is nothing short of remarkable. To all outgoing bureau members, I say thank you. Each and every one of you has contributed something meaningful to the success of this Bureau. This journey was not always easy, in fact it has often been heated! However, we came together as a team and achieved a great number goals in the Plan of Action – just as we set out to do when we first came together in Krakow. Outgoing President Christian merits special mention. His calm, collected, and constructive approach and leadership helped shepherd a very successful term. I think the results speak for themselves.

The Office headquartered in London also deserves a lot of credit, from the interns to the newly hired assistants, we are only as strong as our staff. Particularly, our Executive Director, Mane, deserves commendation for her countless hours of service above and beyond her duties.

I am particularly proud of the gains achieved by two of our most active programmes. The Belarus and Ukraine Programme got me most involved in IFLRY, and pertains to matters close to my heart. The Climate Change Programme finalized IFLRY's position paper on environmental policy – the first such policy document IFLRY has produced in years and has been active at UN Climate Changes conferences, not to mention its prolific presence on social media! I thank both Daniel George and Tone Bjorndal for their commitment to these endeavours.

I want to emphasize what a great privilege this journey has been. This is a phenomenal organization that is overpopulated with energetic, ambitious, and visionary young people. To those putting their name forward for elected office – this is one of the most rewarding experiences I have ever had the honour of taking part in.

Yours in Liberalism,

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