**Motivational letter IFLRY Treasurer Robert Landheer**

Amsterdam, 1 May 2017,

Dear Liberal Friends,

Half a year ago you gave me your trust to be Treasurer of IFLRY in extraordinary elections. Since then I have worked on getting to know the IFLRY financial processes from the inside, and improving them. This turns out to be quite a challenge. Now after getting to know the day-to-day operations and processes, and developing 2 new potential systems of Member Organisations fees, I feel it’s time to improve them and implement new policies. I would like to do this together with my fellow Bureau Members till the next Spring Congress.

Finances and me are a great fit. Besides being IFLRY Treasurer for the past 6 months, I have been National Treasurer at the JD for two years, and have been auditor at IFLRY and the JD for some more years. During these positions, I studied Applied Physics and Financial Engineering. Besides this, I worked in the IT Audit department of PwC, am now working in an IT compliance and audit related function at PostNL, and are a supervisory board member of a home care organization in the south of The Netherlands.

As Treasurer I will continue improving the following items for IFLRY:

* **Membership Fee system that fits MOs:** 
  + Together with the working group I have worked on 2 different proposals that are to be discussed at the GA. In the past years, the bad debts have been lowered due to writing them off. We should work on a more viable membership fee system that makes Member Organizations actually pay for a proper fee and thus reducing bad debts. After the GA makes a decision, I would like to implement a new system too.
* **Transparent and up-to-date finances**
  + IFLRY cannot perform its main tasks without having a solid and transparent funding and reporting structure. Together with the Office, Bureau and Auditors, I would like to keep this up and increase it. For instance this can be achieved by securing grants on a timely basis, and by working on an easy and transparent process of bookkeeping together with the Office. We worked on this during the most recent audit, and it is clear to me that a lot of work is necessary before this is fully achieved.
* **Further increasing the financial buffer of IFLRY:**
  + IFLRY organizes many activities on a yearly basis, and has a high turnover to achieve this. Most of these funds are subsidy-based. This also poses a risk if something in the extensive time period between grant application and final installment payment goes wrong. To make sure this risk is lowered for IFLRY, a larger financial buffer is useful.

Besides having financial knowledge and experience, I have also been a trainer at the JD and IFLRY, because this allows me to work together with, and motivate, bright and energetic people. I have been involved in IFLRY activities since 2012 when I started to attend a series of wonderful seminars. This is when I met some of the best people that I know, at IFLRY, and I hope to give this experience also to other people.

I hope I can count on your trust again.

Robert Landheer