



January 2010

Dear Parents and Staff

Now that the term is under way, the International School of Helsingborg Parent Teacher Association (PTA) would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year. January also marks the start of the PTA year, which means changes on the PTA Board and a look ahead to what we hope to achieve at ISH in 2010.

Our goals for the year are:

- 1) To further goodwill and a sense of community within the international school family through more social events, such as:
 - Family Quiz Nights
 - Supper Evenings
 - Games Nights
 - Seasonal Lunches

- 2) To continue fundraising to provide extra materials and resources for the school through:
 - The Spring Fair (our main fundraiser)
 - Other events such as table top sales, car boot sales and any other ideas you may have!
 - Parent donations

- 3) To liaise with the Parent Work Groups (PWG) to ensure the best possible outcomes for ISH. The PWGs are made up of:
 - The Environment & Facilities Group (relocation of ISH to Petri & Nicolai)
 - The Quality Group (quality, internationalism, accreditation & structure)
 - The Company Group (involvement of parents' employers in the development of ISH)
 - The Communications Group (liaison between the PWGs, PTA and the rest of the school)

The outgoing PTA Board has been made up of the following parent volunteers who have met with ISH management regularly over the year to discuss many issues relevant to school life. They have worked very hard to do their best for everyone involved at our vibrant, multi-cultural school and I know that everyone will join me in thanking them for their efforts. They are:

Vice Chair 2009 - Susan Finnegan
Secretary 2009 - Tracey Christiansen
Treasurer 2009 - Agneta Medin
Social Chair 2009 - Leonie Parup

Thank you, also, to the members of the Social Committee who have helped organise the social events over the last year, as well as the Class Representatives throughout the school – a vital link between the PTA, teachers and class parents.

The above Board members have all now resigned, and following a request sent out in November for new members, we now have parents to fill the following positions:

Chair 2010 - Sally Russell
Vice Chair 2010 - Låtta Nilsson
Treasurer 2010 - Charlie Doolan

We do not currently have parents to fill the remaining posts, so Tracey and Leonie have agreed to stay on in their roles until the end of the summer term, and Susan will join Leonie as joint Social Chair. We are still looking for enthusiastic, community-spirited people to join us, and we hope that your enjoyment of PTA events this year will encourage some of you to participate in the PTA!

If you do not want to play a regular part in PTA meetings, you may have other skills that we would love to use! We are keen to continue after-school clubs for students, so if you have interests in the arts & crafts, music, drama, gardening, sport (or anything else!) and would like to help set up a club ... please let us know!

We can also use your help in producing and putting up posters for events, helping out with the website, and much more. Please email us at ishpta.hbg@gmail.com with any suggestions or queries you may have. We welcome your involvement at all times - we are here to represent all parents at ISH.

Finally, as always, we need your assistance to help enrich the quality of school life by purchasing items and resources to make ISH a more rewarding experience. You may have noticed that we are asking for donations instead of fees, as the PTA is not a club which people have to join, but is there for the whole school community. We hope you will consider making a donation to the PTA - it helps finance the school trips for every child in the school, as well as making all kinds of extras available.

If you have not yet donated in this school year, we would ask you to please consider doing so, via bank giro account 5605-0214 – or we will happily take cash! The suggested donation is 300 kr for one child or 500 kr if you have more than one child at the school. Thank you very much. It makes all the difference.

I look forward to being a part of the PTA Board in 2010, and to meeting many ISH parents during that time!

With all best wishes

Sally Russell
PTA Chair