It is with great pride and excitement that I would like to welcome you to the 101st IPMA Annual Meeting which will be held September 29th thru October 1st, 2016, at the Lincolnshire Marriott Resort.

This year's theme is "Connecting Generations". This is a concept that comes to light for all of us in our professional lives. The generations of podiatrists who have come ahead of us have paved the road for us professionally and politically. It is because of their hard work and fortitude that we are now able to practice in the profession we love. These are our mentors. These are the people that have instilled in us our clinical and surgical skills, work ethic, and pride in our profession.

Our own generation consists of our classmates, and our friends. For me, personally, my closest friends in podiatry school continue to be my best friends and closest colleagues. They are the ones we call to share our joys, our life adventures, and to consult and discuss our podiatric challenges. It is our generation's job, to not only continue and honor the framework of our profession set forth by those before us, but also to forge ahead to meet the challenges set forth by technological advantages, and a new health care arena.

The generation of podiatrists that comes after us--what an amazing and inspiring group! With them come more refined knowledge and surgical skills, technological adventures, and the gumption to take podiatry to new heights. Those of us who are lucky enough to work side-by-side on a daily basis with those in the generation after us know that not a day goes by that they are not teaching us and making us better!

It is this generational concept that this meeting will highlight by bringing you a "Multigenerational Podiatric Family" to show us how the practice of podiatry has changed from one generation to the next.

This Generational Concept will also be reflected in the lectures for this exciting weekend--providing you with lectures that will strengthen your podiatric acumen, make your practices more successful and efficient, and prepare you for what is new on the horizon such as how reimbursement will change for us in the near future and what is MACRA all about?

The slate of officers that the IPMA is putting forward for 2016-2017 reflects the Generational Concept. There are familiar faces that have brought us to where we are today, but there are also many new faces that promise to propel us in new and exciting directions.

I very much look forward to seeing you all at our Annual Meeting and getting to know those of you who I have not already met!

Sincerely,

Helena Reid, DPM
IPMA President-Elect