Dear IAPA Family,

I hope that this letter finds all of you in good condition and all the people that you are connected are healthy and in good shape.

This is a very sentimental letter for me to put down on paper. But you know how they say, “Every good thing has an end!”.

I will be stepping down from the IAPA CEO role at the end of May 2020 with the end of my 2 years tenure. My goal was transforming IAPA within these 2 years into an organization where “the whole is greater than the sum of its parts” as ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle said. I have worked very hard making this possible, and I hope you are happy and proud of the organization’s growth and transformation. Starting from June, I will be focusing on my own company, which needs my attention.

I have enjoyed every moment of my 2 years CEO Role, my time here has been marked by both challenges and triumphs (e.g. “Winner of Sustainable Champion of the Year”, “Finalist at Association of the Year”, “Finalist at Rising Star Association of the Year” at International Accounting Bulletin, “Ranked 6th position for ‘International Alliances and Associations 2019’ by The Accountancy Age”, and 40th Year Celebration of IAPA) and I will cherish the many friendships I have made along the way.

Overall, I have spent 5 years in IAPA Management inclusive of EMEA Board Member, EMEA Chair and CEO Roles. That was an honour for me serving to my own organization in different roles where organization needs me. I will always be grateful for the opportunity I had to work with IAPA Management Roles and learn from you. It is my hope that we will see each other again in the events and joint projects in the future.

Again, I thank you for the many positive memories, amazing hospitalities and great learnings during my visits to your offices, cities and countries. They all have added values to me and means a lot for me.

Sincerely,

H. Ozgur Demirdoven