

As the President of FIMITIC, the first thing I would like to point out is that I feel very proud of being part of this organization. This year 2011 is about to end, and I look back to all the achievements in this period with emotion and delight.

The last few months have involved a great deal of efforts in FIMITIC in order to get an adaptation to the European economic and social situation. In this sense, FIMITIC needs to maintain a perfect organization that allows us to guarantee the improvement of the situation of the rights of persons with disabilities. This is why we have to be very concerned that we have to keep on working and walking together. Every common project that we get to implement requires a very big effort from every single person that composes FIMITIC, but what we have to see and have in our minds is what it represents, and this is that it is a great success for people with disabilities as it improves in different ways their quality of life.

Precisely this is the reason why it is very important to emphasize that, even though we keep in mind the economic and social situation that surrounds us, we all need to define which way to go. We need to set our objectives, concrete and specific, and bet on our capacities to join our hard work in the same direction.

The last two years have been key for FIMITIC, because every time it is getting a more important visibility and a bigger acknowledgement. For example, our representation in the European Disability Forum is major, and by coordinating our activities with the EDF it will be possible to achieve a more powerful lobby at a European level and with it continue progressing in our main objectives. We increased our representation in the EDF at the Executive Board.

This picture can lead us to increase our development possibilities in Europe to reverberate in a positive way to our society and of course to the users of each and every organization that we represent.

We have to feel very confident about the actions of the bi-annual plan that FIMITIC has implemented, and have to be persistent on those actions that for several reasons may have been left on hold, so that in our next work period, we can include - more and better- all of our aspirations.

On the other hand, from FIMITIC we all have to give special attention to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Our efforts have to be directed to make it real, by bringing these rights closer to the people. We have to be very active preparing good dissemination, and adapting our projects so that the Convention continues becoming a fact. Precisely for this reason, I am very grateful for the support given by FIMITIC to the Conference that took place in Madrid after the Delegates' Conference, regarding the UN Convention. I hope that it was useful as a place to debate and reflect, but also as an impulse to implement actions that promote these rights.

As the President of FIMITIC I would like to thank personally to each member their active participation, because this hard working is the one that let the objectives be achieved.

I started the report by pointing out the pride of being member of such a great organization, and I will finish it by pointing out that I also look into the future with great expectations, because sharing our experiences is so inspiring that makes me feel that we can go beyond any obstacle in our mission.

Thank you for this period, and let's embrace the next one with hope and excitement.

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