

## **A Word from the President**

Now that the Seventeenth International Conference is history we can look forward to the coming year with renewed enthusiasm.

Each of the previous administrations has made an impact of great importance to our society. However, we have been through some tough times, and very properly were subjected to oversight and accountability, much of which were not present in previous years. As a result the society became the product of epistemological errors.

Plans are underway to attain goals for the society through the implementation of supportive programs. The success of these plans can only be realized by preventing the self-feeding cycle of fear, discrimination and lack of understanding. If this prevention does not occur, then efforts to improve the quality for all who would benefit will be in vain.

It is not enough to verbalize negative attitudes; what we do is equally important, if not more important than what we say. If indeed we are “inactionary” concerning the development of the society and its goals, then we foster negativism. Verbal intolerance must be made more meaningful by demonstrating concern in an attempt to effect change through participation in the society’s programs. Our overt behaviour must be equal to that of our verbal intolerance.

The underlining of every nuance is a vital force in the establishment of the character of those involved.

**Calvin Scott**