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Dear Colleagues,

It is very rewarding to contribute to the success of the IFMA Foundation and to work with this dynamic and dedicated board of trustees. Since its inception, the foundation has raised more than \$3.5 million to support the facility management profession and advance the built environment. Eighty six cents out of every dollar donated to the foundation goes directly to supporting our programs, including education, research and scholarships.

In 2008, the IFMA Foundation continued to grow facility management Accredited Degree Programs across the globe. In one year, ADP programs grew by 18 percent worldwide. We published three remarkable research documents: 1.) "Violence in the Workplace, the Role of the Facility Manager," 2.) "The Business of Green Cleaning" and 3.) the "FM Technology Update." Finally, we awarded 29 scholarships and grants worth more than \$90,000.

In 2009, we will continue to grow ADP programs, launch a juried publication (the International Journal of Facility Management), publish a best practice guide on operating cost efficiency and produce a series of sustainability "how to" guides. Additional scholarships and grants will be awarded at World Workplace 2009.

The IFMA Foundation relies entirely on the generosity of those who believe in the importance of the built environment, and our efforts are solely focused on investing in the future of the facility management profession. In these economic times, the need has never been greater to build the future of our industry as well as to support FM practitioners and emerging leaders. Your contributions are more important than ever. So this year, please consider placing the "Foundation First" on your list of charitable donations.

Thank you!

IFMA Foundation Chair, 2009-2010