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Dear colleagues,

Several noteworthy events have taken place during the last six months.

- Andrea Bruder has accepted the position of Treasurer of the Society. Andrea is a professor of mathematics at the Colorado College, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA.
- You can now sign-up as a Sponsoring Member of the Society online by using your credit card. Please consider doing so as part of your support for ISDE. Our thanks go out to Andrea, and to our webmaster Malgosia [Guzowska](#), for making this possible.
- In the future, Sponsoring Members will have online access to the Journal of Difference Equations and Applications (rather than a paper copy).
- The Society has formally filed for status as a non-profit organization. The legal paperwork has been prepared and submitted by the Society's lawyers. We wait final approval from the US government.
- The Bernd Aulbach Prize Committee (Peter Kloeden, George Sell, and Saber Elyadi) has established the rules and regulations governing the awarding of this Prize. The Committee has called for nominations from the membership for the inaugural award. Please consider making a nomination, either yourself or as a member of a group.
- The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference on Difference Equations and Applications (ICDEA 2010) took place in Riga, Latvia, last July 19-23. The organizers, led by Andrejs Reinfelds as chair of the organizing committee and Andre Vanderbauwhede as chair of the Scientific Committee are to be congratulated on putting together this successful conference.

Plans for the 17<sup>th</sup> ICDEA conference are proceeding very well, under the leadership of Adel F. Antippa, chair of the organizing committee. Watch for the conference website, which should be online in a few weeks. This looks to be a very exciting conference which will feature, among other things, several focus themes (yet to be determined by the Scientific Committee).

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to become a Sponsoring Member of ISDE. You can now do this online at <http://isdeds.com/membershipapplication.html>. The funds received through Sponsoring Memberships help to support the Society's activities in developing and enhancing research and education in difference equations and discrete dynamical systems. As a Sponsoring Member you will receive a reduced registration fee for the annual ICDEA conference and a one year online subscription to the *Journal of Difference Equations and Applications* (<http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/gdea>).

Best regards,

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ISDE President