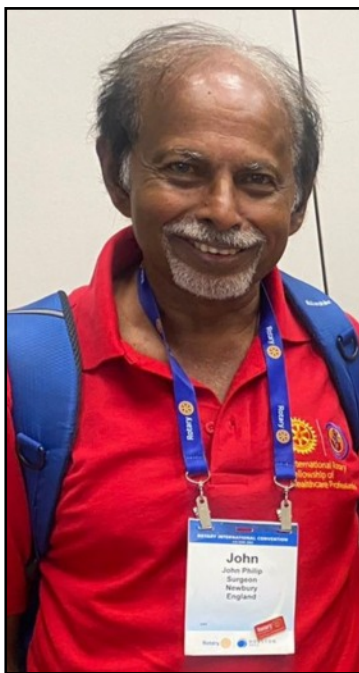




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Thank you for your support



I'VE HAD THE privilege of leading this organisation for many years. I'm now delighted to pass the baton on to Herbert Ederer who was elected as Chair at the AGM last week.

Herbert and I have worked together for many years, and I cannot think of a better person to lead us to further growth and impact. I wish him all the very best and offer my full support.

The Fellowship has grown into a strong, purposeful, well-respected organisation with membership in over 80 countries.

We have a strong international Board which meets monthly, an excellent administrative structure, good governance – all underpinned by friendship and mutual respect.

On my watch we changed our name from Rotarian Doctors to Healthcare Professionals to become an inclusive group of all who are interested in healthcare. We welcomed many

non-Rotarians, and formed two subgroups and chartered two branches in Ukraine and Egypt.

I have also had the privilege of raising the profile of the Fellowship at Rotary International Conventions where I have met many of you at our busy booth and at our 'Dine with the Doctors' events.

Two years ago, we established a charity registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales, which increased our credibility and accountability.

Two weeks after the Russian invasion of Ukraine, we gathered together to respond to the terrible consequences of the war. We've so far been able to donate equipment worth £410,000 and are currently cooperating with other organisations to continue our support for sustainable, high impact programmes.

I'm grateful to the Board of Directors who have supported me and also to all of you have extended your friendship to me and wife Chris.

I wish you all a very good year ahead.

**John Philip
Immediate Past Chair
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