

## Report of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer

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### Bravo!! Bravo!!

A standing ovation is in order for **Marc Fink** and his outstanding staff led by **Carrie Smith** and **Michael Pare**. Thanks to their tireless work and organization, the Madison conference was an unequivocal success.

I don't know how he did it, but if you met Marc any time during the conference, he always had a smile on his face and insisted that he was having fun. (And I think he was!)

The Madison conference had the largest number of participants in IDRS history, 1075 including exhibitors. We also had the largest number of exhibits, with 65 fantastic exhibits from T-shirts and pins to the latest models of instruments, tools, music and accessories.

The concerts, presentations, and master classes were outstanding and people never stopped talking about how wonderful they were.

If you missed this year's conference, you missed a great one. Don't let another year go by without putting the IDRS conference on your schedule. It's a great opportunity to learn, be inspired, and recharge your creative batteries. It's a great way to launch a vacation, too.

**WARNING:** IDRS conferences are addictive and dangerous to feelings of boredom and apathy. Don't miss another one.

### Group Tour to Buenos Aires 2000

Ed Lacy, with the help of Burkhalter travel, has arranged a South American tour preceding the conference in Buenos Aires. Information can be seen earlier in this magazine. Flyers will be mailed to all current members in January. It's sure to be a fun time, and you can't beat the company of a plane load of double reed players.

Make your plans now and join us for our first conference in the southern hemisphere.

### 1998 Audit Complete

Our society is in good financial condition at this time thanks to the hard work of our officers. Our executive committee tries to be fiscally responsible and get the most value for your membership dollars. This is evident in our audit report for 1998, which has been completed by our new CPA. If you would like to see a copy, please contact me.

### It's that time again!

Before you know it the end of the year will be here, and you know what that means. No, I'm not talking about the Y2K bug, or the end of the millennium. **It's time to renew your membership.** Membership renewals will be in the mail in November. You have from November, when you get your first dues notice, to March to renew without missing an issue. That's a 4-month procrastination period, which should be long enough for even the most chronic procrastinators.

But please don't wait until the first issue is published to renew your membership. It's very hard to anticipate how many of you will delay sending in your dues and we always run out of first issues. You know you're gonna do it, so just take the time to renew now.

**I'll be waiting to hear from you.**

### Calendar year

Membership in the IDRS is on a calendar year schedule. Please don't wait until the last quarter of the year to renew.

### E-mail Addresses

With each day, more people are becoming a part of the cyberspace network. If you have an e-mail address, please send it to me at <norma4ids@erols.com>. If you change your address, please keep me posted. Sometimes it is the best way for me to get in touch with you.