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Charles..... RIP

Information for MAs & IFATCA Reps

Charles Stuart



The Executive Board regrets to advise that Charles Stuart, former President and Chief Executive Officer, has passed away following a brief illness. This is truly sad news for our IFATCA family as we start gathering for our 51st annual conference. On behalf of the IFATCA family, the Executive Board extends our sincere condolences to the family and many friends of Charles.

Charles has had a significant impact on making IFATCA what it is today, through sheer hard work, vision and an irrepressible personality.

Charles was truly one of a kind; one of those rare persons of whom you can truly say that the world is a better place because he lived in it. We shall all deeply miss him.

We will provide more information as we get it, but given his personality it is fitting that we let Charles have the last word and share with you his message on being advised of his illness.

From Charles Stuart

Me and Cancer

To some of you this will come as a shock. To others it will be an update. I have BCC'd most people but some of you may end up with more than one copy.

Contrary to the rumours of my imminent demise, it is a little premature - but things are not good.

I have been diagnosed with inoperable, terminal lung cancer. I will be undergoing chemotherapy when they decide on a regime (in about two weeks). Best guess at the moment is 6 - 12 months. Could be more, could be less.

This is all rather sudden and it was brought to my attention after I left a trail of broken wing mirrors off parked cars (from my hire car thank goodness for CDW) through Glos and Hants in England when there in Nov. I had a serious problem with my left peripheral vision. On return to Oz I was sent to an Ophthalmologist who sent me for an MRI. A tumour on the brain was discovered and this was removed ten days ago. Xrays and CT scans taken at the time showed that I had developed spreading lung cancer. The brain tumour had come from the lung cancer.

I am physically feeling fine, up and about and no restrictions.

I will issue periodic bulletins until either incapable or lose interest. Then my Daughter Joanna will take over.

I would like to thank all those who sent flowers and have called. Also my good friend Peter Evans who initially escorted me to appointments around the City and with whom I have coffee most mornings. A Tower of strength.

Also my daughter for leaving her kids in Perth to come over and act as a great PA - organising me and appointments, and my son who is commuting between Sydney and Melbourne.

I am in good spirits but have no illusions about the eventual outcome. I have had a fantastic life, great children and grandchildren and a multitude of good friends all over the world. I am a lucky man.

Charles

Condolence page is on the IFATCA forum: www.ifatca.org/phpBB3/index.php

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