



2004年是互聯網專業人員協會豐收的一年，香港及香港的信息科技業均從「非典」恢復過來，令人興奮。我謹此向各會員和各界朋友匯報本會過去一年的工作成果。

本會2004年新增會員逾三百名，至年底共有會員八百五十七人，其中有選舉權的會員佔三百八十七人。從2004年開始，本會有四年以上資訊科技經驗的選舉會員，均擁有在立法會資訊科技界功能組別選舉的選民資格。2004年協會由十八人的理事會領導，並透過由三十二位義務會員組成的執行委員會及其轄下十九個小組委員會和興趣小組，以及三名全職職員推行工作。

本會由八名創會會員發展到今天超過八百名會員，從八個委員會到十九個委員會和興趣小組，網絡無障礙行動由廿個創辦委員到超過一萬人參與，從只舉辦幾個活動到舉辦超過一百個活動，由本地活動發展至世界性組織及活動。在各會員和各界朋友的支持下，我們先後達成多項目標，作為本會主席，我深感榮幸。

本會在推動信息科技專業人士與政府、其他行業、社會服務機構和商界合作方面扮演重要角色，致力為社區提供資源與支援，並促進各方面超越障礙，作多層面交流、溝通。本會鼓勵信息科技專業人士衝出科技世界，去學習、瞭解、溝通、實踐、感受和關心人類與世界。本會積極實踐服務社群的承諾，以行動實現本會的使命。

我在此再次感謝協會所有理事會成員、執委會成員、各小組委員會成員和職員，在過去一年對本會事務所作的努力和貢獻，亦衷心感謝支持我們的會員、義工、合作夥伴及朋友。

本會自1999年成立以來，在數年間迅速成長，但我們仍將在多方面繼續努力。在中華人民共和國及香港特別行政區政府、熱心公益的信息科技專業人士、機構、志願團體及各界人士的鼎力支持下，我對本會來年將再闢新領域滿抱信心。



# Message from Dr. Elizabeth Quat, President of iProA

The year 2004 has been a very fruitful and exciting year for iProA. Hong Kong has recovered from SARS and so has the ICT industry. It is my pleasure to present to our members and friends, major achievements of the Association this past year in this Annual Report.

Nearly 300 new members joined iProA in 2004. We now represent 857 individual ICT professionals, including 387 voting members. Starting from 2004, voting members of iProA with 4 years or more of IT experience are eligible to register as voters of the IT Functional Constituency of the Legislative Council. In the past year, iProA operated under the leadership of a 18 member Council. Our activities were managed by 32 volunteer members of its Executive Committee through 16 committees and 3 SIGs, together with 3 full time staff.

From 8 founders to over 800 members; from 8 committees to 19 committees and SIGs; from 20 Web Care Campaign founding committee members to over 10,000 participants; from organizing a few events to the completion of over a hundred; from local to global; it gives me great pride to report that, with your support, we have been able to make all these tremendous achievements.

iProA has played a significant role in proactively forming partnerships between ICT professionals with the government, non IT sectors, social service organizations and business enterprises to provide resources and support to the community, to bridge a variety of divides and obstacles for effective communication of diversified groups. We encourage ICT professionals to venture outside the confines of the technical world to learn, to understand, to communicate, to practice, to feel and to care for mankind and for our world. We have demonstrated our commitment to serve the society and have progressively worked towards achieving our mission.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to express again my thanks to all Council members, Executive Committee members, members of various Committees and staff of iProA for their contributions to the Association this past year; and to all iProA members, volunteers, organizations and friends who have supported iProA.

We have come a long way in the short few years since iProA was founded in 1999, and we have far to go. With unrelenting support from the government of the People's Republic of China and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, devoted IT professionals, social conscious corporations, non-government organizations and you all, I am confident that we will continue to break new grounds in the coming years.