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What needed to be done most when you joined the IFSCC Praesidium?

- To add to the very relaxed working mentality and the familiar "Wandergruppe" lifestyle in the IFSCC Praesidium some things like concepts, strategies and timing needed to reach the fixed targets quicker and better.
- To increase the level of internal communication among the IFSCC Praesidium members and prepare new external PR tools.
- To extend the IFSCC network with IFSCC members and worldwide key-scientists.
- To recruit and affiliate new IFSCC Member Societies.

What was your most important contribution to the IFSCC?

I organized and helped to create and introduce the following:

- The 1995 IFSCC Conference in Montreux/Switzerland.
- The IFSCC Benefactor System including Benefactor pins.
- The "IFSCC Flash" (= IFSCC fact sheet).
- The IFSCC flags and IFSCC Praesidium pins.

What should the IFSCC do to emerge in 50 years as still the one and only active, non-commercial scientific world organization in cosmetics?

As today it is more and more difficult to find companies/institutions that are prepared to financially support an employee (= cosmetic chemist) as an active member in the IFSCC Praesidium or one of the IFSCC Committees, it is very important that the IFSCC find new ways to generate more income (e.g. more benefactors, higher IFSCC-Levy, etc.) to be able to grant all active IFSCC Praesidium members financial support. This would make it easier to recruit new IFSCC Praesidium members and IFSCC staff. Two IFSCC Praesidium meetings per year are not enough to seriously cover all topics. Therefore the number of meetings should be increased to four per year (including telephone and video meetings). The IFSCC should also show its face more to the outside and try to improve the IFSCC image among the Member Societies and their members and the global external cosmetic network.