As I write to you today, Spring is arriving in Ireland bringing with it the morning chorus of nesting birds, the emergence of spring blooms and the lengthening of each day by noticeable minutes. As we walk away from winter in the Northern hemisphere, I know that our colleagues and friends in the Southern hemisphere will be welcoming the mellow days of Autumn with the waning summer sun and perhaps a more noticeable chill in the evening air. Such, of course, is the annual cycle of the seasons and as they turn once more, we fervently hope that we can now all walk away from the pandemic and begin to resume “in person” life once more.

The turning of the calendar also brings a milestone event ISTR’s way in 2022, as the Society celebrates its 30th birthday this year. Established in 1992 as an unincorporated association and hosted firstly at the Institute for Policy Studies at Johns Hopkins University and latterly at JHU’s at the Institute for Health & Social Policy, ISTR became an independent incorporated 501(c)(3) charity in 2019. Throughout the past three decades, ISTR has pursued its mission to develop a global community of scholars, researchers and practitioners who celebrate diversity, non-profit and philanthropic commitment to society and rigorous interdisciplinary approaches in third sector research. With over 800 members in more than 71 countries, we have hosted 14 international conferences and a host of regional conferences with our Latin America and Caribbean, African and Asia-Pacific networks and we look forward to welcoming many of you to Montreal later this year for our 15th International conference.

Since its foundation, ISTR has been blessed to have the services of its long-serving Executive Director, Margery Daniels, and with the help of twelve previous Presidents, Margery has steered the ISTR ship safely through high seas, low tides, doldrums and gales, ensuring that ISTR members form part of a connected, vibrant and enthusiastic family of scholars and practitioners who are passionate about civil society research, collaboration and engagement. This is borne out through our regional networks, our affinity groups, our active PhD alumni network, our mentoring programme and through our celebration of emerging scholars’ and members’ research policy impact awards, alike. As we reflected on all that has been accomplished together over the past three decades, we recognised the importance of preserving the emerging legacy of ISTR for future scholars and researchers. Every newsletter ever published, every event ever held, every conference brochure and outline, every meeting, and the decisions of thirty
years of ISTR’s leaders are all meticulously recorded and stored in ISTR’s records. Those documents capture the changing face of third sector and philanthropy scholarship – the areas of attention and focus, the challenges, the successes -- from the end of the twentieth century through the dawn of the twenty-first. How best to preserve this piece of philanthropy history for not just our members but for society more broadly?

There was but one answer and I am delighted to announce that with the full support of ISTR’s Board and the wonderful engagement and interest of the Rockefeller Archive Center (‘RAC’), ISTR is donating its records to RAC. As a major repository and research center for the study of philanthropy and its impact throughout the world, the RAC is a most fitting home for ISTR’s existing and, in time, future records. Knowing that these records that capture an important period of time will be properly preserved, catalogued and made available to interested graduate students, professors, independent scholars, and journalists from all over the world brings me personally immense satisfaction and joy as President of ISTR. To celebrate this handover, we will formally mark this occasion in Montreal with a special roundtable, led by Bob Clark, RAC’s Director of Archives, to discuss the value of philanthropic records, the importance of sharing philanthropic history more broadly, and the benefits of good archival and information governance practices within organizations.

As we begin to anticipate our international gathering in Montreal in July – now just five months away -- I am eagerly looking forward to welcoming many of you in person to the conference, to celebrating our milestone birthday together, to reflecting on the past three decades of ISTR and to planning for the decades ahead.

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The conference will celebrate 30 years of the ISTR community and we look forward to hosting the first in-person international conference for researchers and practitioners in the third sector to reunite and learn from each other since 2018. The evolving pandemic offers the opportunity to reform institutions, reshape discourses and rebuild trust and identities. The third sector once again plays a critical role in these processes and public discussions.

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Lesley Hustinx, Inequality in Volunteering: Building a New Research Front

Ram A. Cnaan, The Emigration of Pro-social Behaviors: A Comparative Analysis of Colombian and US Latter-day Saints

Dana R. H. Doan, Book Review: Muddiman E., Power S., Taylor C. Civil Society and the Family

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