

Dear Lions at the Mediterranean Conference:

I want to extend my best wishes for a very successful conference. This represents a great opportunity for Lions to rededicate themselves to service and to enjoy fellowship and fun.

My presidential theme is Move to Grow. We Lions must keep moving forward. We need motion and energy. We need dynamic progress. Life is always changing and always evolving. We need to push ahead. We need to Move to Grow. I encourage every club to Move to Grow in 2010.

We need to grow our membership, grow in social understanding, grow a new generation of leaders and grow increased public awareness of Lions. The metaphor for us Lions is the gingko tree. Provide a gingko with sun and soil and it can live for 1,000 years. Its resiliency makes it a symbol of hope. It represents heritage, adaptability and utility. Lions possess these traits but we can't stand still and rest on our laurels. Lions, Move to Grow in 2010.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. J. Wirfs', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Eberhard J. Wirfs, International President
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