## **President's Report**

Vasili Tsoutouras President FAOPMA, Inc. and AEPMA



## hat interesting times, has been a common refrain during this global pandemic.

Despite this, I could not be prouder of the achievements the members have all contributed to an industry that is needed more than ever in these challenging times. It is a great pleasure to represent the Federation of Asian & Oceania Pest Managers Associations as President.

Firstly, I extend my appreciation and congratulations to The United Pest Management Association of the Philippines, Inc. (TUPMAPI) and the organising committee for hosting the 1st virtual FAOPMA Conference (see report on following pages). Although different to previous years, this online event was incredible to experience and, meeting with like-minded people at the FAOPMA-Pest Summit, is always enlightening and a true reflection of dedication to the industry. As always, it is an honour and a delight to meet fellow FAOPMA members even though in 2020 it was online! This year the FAOPMA Conference will again be hosted by TUPMAPI. This year's theme is "*Pest and Business: The New Realities*" and brings a distinguished list of speakers to present their expertise. The programme will provide members and attendees opportunities to learn from exhibitors and exchange ideas towards the evolution of the pest industry.

In 2020 the "new look" FAOPMA website was launched. This new website has made it easier for our members to update their details, pay their membership fees and exchange ideas. We have some other ideas to further enrich our website and we will be sharing these with you later in the year.

Once again thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely, Vasili Tsoutouras



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