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## **Note from the President**

First, I want to extend my best wishes to all of you individually and your loved ones as we work through the new normal we are experiencing personally and professionally. I know for me that each day seems to bring a new concept to the forefront which I never could have imagined we would be faced with in our lifetimes. However, I also know that as professionals within the crisis management and restructuring community, we are accustomed to approaching each new hardship as a challenge and this one is no different. I am proud to be a part of a community which looks forward not backward and concentrates on positive change instead of dwelling on things outside of our control. Together, we will get through these monumental times...albeit, with social distancing.

As you all know, last week many of us would have been returning from the Cape Town conference and related safari adventures. Today, it doesn't even seem real to think about that. Yet, at the time we made the decision to cancel the conference, we were an anomaly for canceling an event in Africa. We could not fathom the magnitude of the events unfolding each day, but we knew intuitively we could not risk the health and safety of our delegates or the citizens of South Africa in exposing them to any unnecessary harm.

I know you, like INSOL, are all discussing ways to keep organizations like ours relevant and financially stable to get through this period. I promise, we will grow from this, be more creative about online learning, find new ways to connect with our colleagues around the world and be reminded of why it is so essential that we all pull together to help rebuild the global economy.

Even COVID-19 is no match for the strength of our collective membership base.

In the meantime, please stay safe and be well.

**Julie Hertzberg**

**President**

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