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## INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Directors of  
WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENCE JOURNALISTS

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENCE JOURNALISTS that comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2020, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Practitioner's Responsibility*

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

*Conclusion*

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENCE JOURNALISTS as at December 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

*APSV Chartered Professional Accountants inc.*

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Montreal, Mai 17 , 2021

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<sup>1</sup> By Caroline Pombert, CPA auditor, CA

**WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENCE JOURNALISTS**  
**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Subsidies and contributions		
Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy	\$ 31,955	\$ -
Grants	22,761	303,148
International Development Research Center (IDRC)	10,000	-
Fonds de recherche du Québec	<u>-</u>	<u>5,000</u>
	64,716	308,148
Subscriptions	8,789	7,472
Other donations	7,779	2,302
Interests and other revenues	6,472	6,883
Press cards	534	-
World conference of science journalists	<u>-</u>	<u>267,943</u>
	<u>23,574</u>	<u>284,600</u>
	<u>88,290</u>	<u>592,748</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Salaries and fringe benefits	154,649	219,223
Professional fees	34,819	48,587
Travel and lodging	19,090	110,421
Telecommunication	8,600	4,756
Exchange loss	7,554	8,752
Office supplies and expenses	6,117	5,821
Insurance	3,660	4,764
Conferences	1,704	14,891
Other per diem	1,644	44,127
Interests and bank charges	1,265	2,754
Miscellaneous	807	1,306
Depreciation of fixed assets	713	1,188
Local travel	489	5,174
World conference of science journalists	-	128,366
Rent	<u>-</u>	<u>6,134</u>
	<u>241,111</u>	<u>606,264</u>
<b>DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	<u><u>\$ (152,821)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (13,516)</u></u>

**WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENCE JOURNALISTS**  
**CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	\$ 344,986	\$ 358,502
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	<u>(152,821)</u>	<u>(13,516)</u>
<b>BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 192,165</u>	<u>\$ 344,986</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 523,791	\$ 364,055
Accounts receivable (note 3)	<u>9,776</u>	<u>19,460</u>
	<u>533,567</u>	<u>383,515</u>
MARKET-LINKED INVESTMENT, MATURING ON OCTOBER 2023	25,024	25,024
FIXED ASSETS (note 4)	<u>1,069</u>	<u>1,782</u>
	<u>26,093</u>	<u>26,806</u>
	<u>\$ 559,660</u>	<u>\$ 410,321</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued charges (note 6)	\$ 7,512	\$ 18,761
Deferred contributions (note 7)	<u>359,983</u>	<u>46,574</u>
	367,495	65,335
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
UNRESTRICTED	<u>192,165</u>	<u>344,986</u>
	<u>\$ 559,660</u>	<u>\$ 410,321</u>

*On behalf of the Board of directors,*

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**WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENCE JOURNALISTS**  
**CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ (152,821)	\$ (13,516)
Non-cash item:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>713</u>	<u>1,188</u>
	<u>(152,108)</u>	<u>(12,328)</u>
Net change in non-cash working capital items:		
Accounts receivable	9,684	24,877
Prepaid expenses	-	8,500
Accounts payable and accrued charges	(11,249)	15,666
Deferred contributions	<u>313,409</u>	<u>(177,124)</u>
	<u>311,844</u>	<u>(128,081)</u>
	159,736	(140,409)
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITY</b>		
Investment disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>137,425</u>
<b>INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	159,736	(2,984)
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	<u>364,055</u>	<u>367,039</u>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR</b>	<u>\$ 523,791</u>	<u>\$ 364,055</u>

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash.

# **WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENCE JOURNALISTS**

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2020**

### **1. LEGAL STATUS AND NATURE OF ACTIVITIES**

WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENCE JOURNALISTS is a not-for-profit Organization formed under part III of the Quebec Companies Act, on April, 27, 2005. It is a registered charity and is exempt from income taxes.

The objectives of the Organization are the following:

Subject to the Loi sur l'enseignement privé (L.R.Q., c. E-9.1), establish, maintain, and operate a training centre in science journalism by delivering teaching and educational resources in this area, as well as organizing a mentoring program for students in this domain.

Educate the public by offering courses, seminars, conferences and workshops related to science, technology, and science journalism.

Contribute to the advancement of education by offering study scholarships, prizes, fellowships and any other type of financial support to the community of students in science journalism.

### **2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Organization applies the Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

#### Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the periods covered. The amounts accounted for and the information provided on the basis of these estimates and assumptions could be different from the actual results.

#### Foreign currency translation

Monetary assets and liabilities in foreign currency are translated at the exchange rate in effect at the balance sheet date, whereas other assets and liabilities are translated at exchange rates in effect at transaction dates. Revenues and expenses in foreign currencies are translated at the effective rate, with the exception of depreciation, which is translated at the historical rate. Gains and losses are included in the earnings for the year.

#### Revenue recognition

##### Subsidies, contributions and donations

The Organization follows the deferral method of accounting for subsidies, contributions and donations. Restricted subsidies are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted subsidies and contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Restricted contributions related to fixed assets are deferred and recognized as revenues over the same period as the related fixed assets.

##### Subscriptions

Subscriptions are recognized as revenues on a straight-line basis over the period covered by the membership.

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**2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

Fixed assets

Fixed assets are accounted for at cost. Depreciation is calculated on their estimated useful lives using the declining balance method at the following rates:

	<b>Rates</b>
Office furniture and equipment	20 %
Computer hardware	40 %

Financial instruments

Initial and subsequent measurement

The Organization initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value, except for certain related party transactions that are measured at the carrying amount or exchange amount, as appropriate.

The Organization subsequently measures all its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost.

Financial assets measured at amortized cost include cash, investments and accounts receivable.

Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost include the accounts payable.

**3. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

	2020	2019
Grant receivable	\$ 7,790	\$ -
Others	1,268	1,268
Sales tax	693	1,130
Accounts receivable	25	17,062
	\$ 9,776	\$ 19,460

**4. FIXED ASSETS**

	2020		2019	
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	Net book value
Office furniture and equipment	\$ 925	\$ 925	\$ -	\$ -
Computer hardware	19,937	18,868	1,069	1,782
	\$ 20,862	\$ 19,793	\$ 1,069	\$ 1,782

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**5. CREDIT FACILITIES**

The entity has available credit facilities for CA \$ 10,000 renewable annually and bearing interest at 10.95 %.

**6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED CHARGES**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Government remittances	\$ 3,016	\$ 3,451
Accrued vacation and salaries	4,074	1,982
Accounts payable	<u>422</u>	<u>13,328</u>
	<u>\$ 7,512</u>	<u>\$ 18,761</u>

**7. DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS**

Deferred contributions represent unused resources received during the year and intended to cover expenses of the following year. Change in the balance of the deferred contributions are as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>Amount received</u>	<u>Established as income</u>	<u>2020</u>
Subsidies and contributions	\$ 26,574	\$ 377,591	\$ 64,716	\$ 339,449
Louise Beham Grant	20,000	-	-	20,000
Press cards	<u>-</u>	<u>1,068</u>	<u>534</u>	<u>534</u>
	<u>\$ 46,574</u>	<u>\$ 378,659</u>	<u>\$ 65,250</u>	<u>\$ 359,983</u>

**8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

**Credit risk**

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial asset will cause a financial loss for the Organization by failing to discharge an obligation. The Organization's credit risk is mainly related to accounts receivable. Accounts receivable balances are managed and analyzed on an ongoing basis and, accordingly, the organization's exposure to doubtful accounts is not significant.

**Currency risk**

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates.

The Organization received approximately 45% (85% in 2019) revenues in foreign currencies (Euros and US dollars). The Organization expenses in foreign currencies represents approximately 19% (42% in 2019) of the total expenses. The organization does not enter into arrangements to hedge its foreign exchange risk.

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**9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

The organization has contracted companies whose sole owner are on WFSJ's Board of directors. The fees paid to the companies were 5,193 € (8,105\$ CAD) and 1,202\$ CAD. These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, which is the amount of consideration established and agreed to by the related parties.