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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, 2019, 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, 2019, 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, le October 9, 2020

¹ By Caroline Pombert, CPA auditor, CA

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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
REVENUES		
Subsidies and contributions		
Grants	\$ 303,148	\$ 282,704
Fonds de recherche du Québec	5,000	1,650
Adessium Foundation	<u>-</u>	<u>26,146</u>
	308,148	310,500
World conference of science journalists	267,943	-
Subscriptions	7,472	9,049
Interests and other revenues	6,883	9,107
Other donations	<u>2,302</u>	<u>5,075</u>
	<u>284,600</u>	<u>23,231</u>
	<u>592,748</u>	<u>333,731</u>
EXPENSES		
Salaries and fringe benefits	219,223	159,223
World conference of science journalists	128,366	-
Travel and lodging	110,421	75,347
Professional fees	48,587	43,715
Other per diem	44,127	36,115
Conferences	14,891	5,542
Exchange loss (gain)	8,752	(22,608)
Rent	6,134	16,382
Office supplies and expenses	5,821	5,477
Local travel	5,174	449
Insurance	4,764	3,023
Telecommunication	4,756	6,924
Interests and bank charges	2,754	1,010
Miscellaneous	1,306	301
Depreciation of fixed assets	1,188	1,093
Consultants	<u>-</u>	<u>4,724</u>
	<u>606,264</u>	<u>336,717</u>
DEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>\$ (13,516)</u>	<u>\$ (2,986)</u>

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CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	2019	2018
BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$ 358,502	\$ 361,488
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	(13,516)	(2,986)
BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 344,986	\$ 358,502

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 364,055	\$ 367,039
Investments	25,024	162,449
Accounts receivable (note 3)	19,460	44,337
Prepaid expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>8,500</u>
	408,539	582,325
FIXED ASSETS (note 4)	<u>1,782</u>	<u>2,970</u>
	<u>\$ 410,321</u>	<u>\$ 585,295</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued charges (note 6)	\$ 18,761	\$ 3,095
Deferred contributions (note 7)	<u>46,574</u>	<u>223,698</u>
	65,335	226,793
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED	<u>344,986</u>	<u>358,502</u>
	<u>\$ 410,321</u>	<u>\$ 585,295</u>

On behalf of the Board of directors,

WORLD FEDERATION OF SCIENCE JOURNALISTS
CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Deficiency of revenues over expenses	\$ (13,516)	\$ (2,986)
Non-cash item:		
Depreciation of fixed assets	<u>1,188</u>	<u>1,093</u>
	<u>(12,328)</u>	<u>(1,893)</u>
Net change in non-cash working capital items:		
Accounts receivable	24,877	167,502
Prepaid expenses	8,500	5,575
Accounts payable and accrued charges	15,666	(12,908)
Deferred contributions	<u>(177,124)</u>	<u>(29,283)</u>
	<u>(128,081)</u>	<u>130,886</u>
	<u>(140,409)</u>	<u>128,993</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Investment acquisition (disposal)	137,425	(162,449)
Acquisition of fixed assets	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,988)</u>
	<u>137,425</u>	<u>(165,437)</u>
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,984)	(36,444)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>367,039</u>	<u>403,483</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$ 364,055</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 367,039</u></u>

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019

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:

	Rates
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

	2019	2018
Accounts receivable	\$ 17,062	\$ 30,149
Others	1,268	3,233
Sales tax	1,130	10,955
	\$ 19,460	\$ 44,337

4. FIXED ASSETS

	2019		2018	
	Cost	Accumulated depreciation	Net book value	Net book value
Office furniture and equipment	\$ 925	\$ 925	\$ -	\$ -
Computer hardware	19,937	18,155	1,782	2,970
	\$ 20,862	\$ 19,080	\$ 1,782	\$ 2,970

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5. CREDIT FACILITIES

The entity has available credit facilities for CA \$ 50,000 renewable annually and bearing interest at 8.95 % and credit facilities for US \$ 20,000 renewable annually and bearing interest at 19.40 %.

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED CHARGES

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Accounts payable	\$ 13,328	\$ 1,483
Government remittances	3,451	1,612
Accrued vacation and salaries	<u>1,982</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 18,761</u>	<u>\$ 3,095</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>2018</u>	<u>Amount received</u>	<u>Established as income</u>	<u>2019</u>
Subsidies and contributions	\$ 203,698	\$ 254,604	\$ 431,728	\$ 26,574
Louise Beham Grant	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>
	<u>\$ 223,698</u>	<u>\$ 254,604</u>	<u>\$ 431,728</u>	<u>\$ 46,574</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.

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8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

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 is exposed to foreign exchange risk due to accounts receivable denominated in US dollars and Euro. As at December 31, 2019 there was no accounts receivable denominated in Euro (\$ 30,124 in 2018). The Organization received approximately 85 % (66 % in 2018) of its revenues in foreign currencies (Euros and US dollars). The Organization expenses in foreign currencies represents approximately 42 % (24 % in 2018) of the total expenses. The organization does not enter into arrangements to hedge its foreign exchange risk.

9. INFORMATION REGARDING THE PANDEMIC

On March 11th, 2020, the World Health Organization announced that the planet is facing a pandemic of COVID-19 coronavirus disease. This event has led to an ever-evolving global mobilization since then, with significant negative repercussions on the global economy and on markets. In Quebec, the state of health emergency and various other containment measures have led to a major slowdown in several economic sectors. In light of this situation, management had to cancel attendance in a number of events. This may lead to adverse effects on their revenue. However, it created additional activities as developing specific programs for journalists to cover the crisis. The Organization is currently unable to assess the other economic and financial impacts of these events on its operations.

10. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Certain figures for 2018 have been reclassified to make their presentation identical to that adopted in 2019.