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Dear Members of the CCCC,

Another year has passed so very fast and here I am again, writing a letter for the Holiday Season just around the corner. It was an eventful year, and for me a very busy one. The highlight was our Meeting in Gdansk, Poland and it was a pleasure to get to know several members whom I had not met before and I cannot thank enough our wonderful hosts, Roman and Andrej who did so much more for us then just organize the three day meeting. Andrej took all of us to the National Forest and Roman accompanied me and my family for the next two weeks through Poland. We never would have seen all the very interesting places and out of the way sights he took us to and explained their historical significance. We will be eternally thankful to both of our hosts. Right now I am planning with one of our Canadian OMs a meeting in 2013 in or near Toronto, Canada. It is not to early to put it on your calendar!

I sincerely hope that all our members were happy with the mail they received and that everyone's collection was enriched by many stamps and covers. Again, I can speak only for myself, but I am very thankful to the many members who are mailing me covers with imprinted stamps, (stationery), advertisement slogan and some of the new private stamps that are printed and used in several countries. A new area of collecting, but a very interesting and exciting one. Of course I have not given up on regular stamps and FDCs either.

One item of sad news is that Holger Kaufhold gave up the Directorship of Records and Statistics and we all hope that he soon will be able again to take on a more active role in the CCCC. In the meantime I am looking for a replacement for him. Several OMs volunteered but I would like to give everyone a chance to let me know whether an interest exists to take over this very time consuming position which is of such importance and usefulness for all our members. So, if you are interested in taking on the entire job or maybe a part of it, please let me know, as I would like to make the decision in the middle of January 2012 at the latest. In the meantime please send all checker reports to me and I shall issue the next report before handing the task over to a new Director.

Now I want to wish you a very happy Holiday Season and may the coming year be a very healthy and fruitful one for you and may you get much pleasure out of your membership with the CCCC. Please stay in touch, I would like to hear from you and get your comments and suggestions for the wellbeing of the CCCC and just hear from you and how you and your family are doing. Wishing everyone a wonderful Holiday!

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