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To all people, who love the traditional Folk Art.

The year 2020 has changed our life in nearly all aspects.

The Covid-19 virus has conquered the whole world and caused great suffering in many families. All normal activities in our jobs and the spending of free time had to be changed due to the great danger of infections.

At the beginning of 2020, IOV's Board of Directors decided to design a new website and to quote several companies for the best design and price.

After comparing various offers, it was decided to award the contract to an Italian company. It was our intention to supervise the construction of the new website with some meetings in Italy, but due to the pandemic this could not go ahead.

We were forced to invent a new way of working, in which our wishes could be taken over by the specialists of the Italian company.

Now the result of our main work of this year is online and we can go on with adding more news about the worldwide activities of IOV members into the website.

I want to invite all our members to think about writing articles, pictures and ideas which we can upload in the new website.

We introduced also a new category of members of IOV into the website.

Now we also can give our traditional craftworkers a possibility to show their activities in the website of IOV world.

Traditional handicraft is also an important part of the Cultural heritage and we need to find more people who wants to share IOV world.

To all organizers of festivals I want to ask to send your newest plans with dates of the festivals as soon as possible to me. I can publish your newest dates in the festival calendar.

Now I only wants to bring you my best wishes for a healthy and peaceful world.

Let us also think for a moment of them, whom we have lost over the past year.

The Christmas time is also a good moment for thinking about new ideas for the future time after this terrible pandemic.

Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2021.

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