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Dear Member Federations and Mountain Friends,

I would like to thank you all for your support during the first year of my presidency. Although we could not meet in person for some time now, it was my pleasure to meet many of you online this past year. Nevertheless, it is with my utmost regret that another year will go by without face-to-face contact. Of course, we all wished to meet in Turkey, but an in-person meeting is not prudent given the imbalanced world Covid situation including the rise of variants.

You should know that the Turkish Mountaineering Federation TDF, our meritorious 2021 hosts, have been incredibly gracious and understanding of these changes. We have assured them that we will assemble in Turkey very soon.

I also would like to seize the opportunity to send my sympathy to those of our dear friends who have suffered losses during the past year. To them, the UIAA family is sending their thoughts and prayers.

Looking forward, I am encouraged to see the UIAA spirit is well and alive among our member federations and delegates. We are seeing many examples of their continued passion for the outdoors in our mountain playgrounds.

Meeting together again will be my great pleasure, and I look forward to the times where this will be again possible.

Kind regards,



Peter Muir

UIAA President