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Dear Ellis, Mary and Ron

I hope that you are now all back to normal after the activities of the summer and in San Jose.

I have to congratulate you all for your outstanding efforts in helping to make this year's San Jose Festival of Wales and Gymanfa Ganu the successful event that it turned out to be. While the local committee will quite rightly bask in the public success of that event, you each need to be recognized for our significant contribution towards that success.

Without all of the efforts that took place at HQ, it would have been very difficult for the local committee to have coped with all of the intricacies of registration and the help on the pre-registration desk.

I know also of the dedication that you put into the preparation for the activities, especially when I called Ellis at home at 9:30 only to be told by Janet that he was still in the office, and Mary was there too! There were times when the interaction between the two groups became strained, and I have to commend coolness under pressure and these issues were diplomatically and successfully resolved. Oh how I wish I had that talent sometimes.

Mary, your presence on the pre-registration desk was wonderful. The personality that people see is so important for the organization and you helped people wonderfully, including me. Thank you fro everything.

Ron, while we did not meet much, I saw you most times on the WNGGA stall selling our wares and helping many people. It was great for us to be able to count of your support. Alf Reese told me excitedly about his visit to the archives. That is a wonderful job that you have done for us.

Ellis, of course, the right hand man. Thank you for the excellent support not only in the work but also in moving the organization forward. Maybe I am wrong but I like to think that since we worked together in Bellevue in 1994, we have both tried to introduce significant changes into the organization to make it more professional and forward looking. Your support of the move towards the Festival of Wales title is very greatly appreciated. I think that in this last year we have moved further than the society ever has before and is a great reflection of your commitment to the future of the Association.

We are not finished yet, maybe it will all be done before you retire in 2004.

Many thanks to you all. Diolch yn fawr iawn

Very Sincerely

Alan Upshall