

# I.V.C. REPORT TO 2019 AGM

Greetings to Struan and family. John and I cannot be here with you this year but are hoping to be present via Skype to see and/or hear the proceedings. We planned to use this last year as I.V.C. to visit several of the clan branches; the Northeast Branch in August, the new Mid South Branch in September and the Gulf Coast Branch in May and October.

At each AGM, we take a count of those attending from the overseas branches. Please raise your hand if you are a member of a Clan Donnachaidh Branch outside the U.K. Count: 22. Welcome to all.

We currently have 20 Affiliated Clan Donnachaidh Branches worldwide, plus six areas with an Official Representative. In July, I received a notice from the Victoria Branch in Australia saying they plan to close “due to general lack of interest from members and from the public at events attended”. It is a great deal of hard work to manage a branch and Victoria will be missed. A member of the branch, Christine Mallouhi, has been appointed as an official Representative and will continue to be a contact for the clan in this area of Australia.

To add to clan records on the branches, in May this year, we all worked together to provide a list confirming the date when each branch began. A list is attached to this report, and I request that the list be added to the clan files.

The Clan Society’s Facebook page has grown to 2285 users. This media continues to be a resource for interacting with current and prospective members. There are now 14 of the Clan Branches which have their own Facebook page: Texas, Mid South, Gulf Coast, Mid West, Victoria, Pacific Northwest, Florida, Ontario, Northeast, Upper Mid West, Southern California, Mid Atlantic, the Carolinas, and Rocky Mountains.

This year, 2019, is my ninth and final year as International Vice Chairperson. I have enjoyed the position. Getting to know so many of you in the branches has been a great joy. My best wishes go to Jonn Duncan in Alabama who will do a great job for the society.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christy Duncan Lange  
International Vice Chairperson  
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