



Dear Members and Industry Colleagues:

Sometimes it is all about the numbers -

178 - The number of attendees from **13** different countries who attended SEFA Committee web meetings over the past **7** weeks. Amazing participation and lots of important work, discussions, and decisions. The next group of committee meetings will be scheduled for June with the expectation that we will stay on a schedule of all committees meeting three times per year remotely and a fourth time at our Annual Meeting.

46 - The number of days before the start of Achema2024 in Frankfurt and our Networking Reception at Champions in the Frankfurt Marriott Hotel. Special thanks to Fundermax who has committed to sponsor this event. There is still time to add your company's name as a Sponsor for this well-attended reception. We are expecting over **125** attendees. There will be **18** presentations including **3** panel discussions at Achema starting on June 10th with many of our most prominent SEFA members participating. Those presentations will take place in Hall 12, Stand E70. We have also arranged for a SEFA Lounge directly across from stand E70 for some rest, relaxation and refreshments at this massive event.

14 - The number of weeks remaining before the August 1st deadline to submit Lab of the Year projects through the SEFA web-portal located at sefalabs.com. If you believe your firm was involved in a potential award-winning project over the past two years simply send me an email and we will do everything we can to have that project submitted by the deadline. Remember - renovated projects are also eligible for recognition as well as the overall Lab of the Year award.

5 - The number of months before over **14** SEFA Member Exhibitors gather in Dubai for ArabLab 2024 and our Networking Reception which takes place on September 24th. We are

scheduling **30** minute presentations for our SEFA Member Exhibitors on September 24th and 25th starting at 11 AM each day. If you would like us to reserve one of those presentation slots, send me an email and let me know your preferred day and time. (We sure hope our friends in Dubai are safe and recovering from **10** inches of rain in one day vs. normal annual rainfall of **4** inches.)

6 - The number of months before our Annual Meeting in La Jolla, California and the announcement of our Lab of the Year winner and other award recipients. We will also be giving our Lifetime Achievement Award to RFD's Malcolm Barksdale at the Thursday night dinner which will be preceded earlier that day by a Panel Discussion featuring Malcolm, HOK's Randy Kray, RVA's Jay Bargmann, and our 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award recipient Don Shaw. Sponsorships for the Annual Meeting and all of the other events mentioned above are still available. Email barbara@sefalabs.com for sponsorship information.

1 - Let's all welcome our first Advisory Board member from India - Sanjay Purohit (sanjay@archnovate.in) who was unanimously approved by the Advisory Board and our Board of Directors last week. We hope to see Sanjay at our gatherings and events during the year.

61 - Finally, the combined number of years Barbara (**25**) and I (**36**) have been involved with SEFA. It is simply remarkable to see how far the influence of this great organization has grown internationally during those years. We believe the best is yet to come as the dedication you all have to SEFA is what makes this organization so well-respected by your peers throughout the world.

We thank you for your many years of dedication to the work of SEFA.