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Once again, I received reports, stories and photographs from clubs and individuals all around our **Burns' World**. Many thanks to those that sent in a contribution, much appreciated!

Due to a long-standing commitment I'm unable to attend the RBFW Conference in Irvine. I have it on good authority however, that another successful event is planned and anticipated.

For those like me who will miss the conference, I thought I'd ask the incoming President, Peter Pringle, Senior Vice President, Jean Abdulrahim and new Junior VP, Paul Kennedy, to share a few thoughts on life and their journey with Robert Burns. Their stories are highlighted on pages 2 - 5.

Please DO NOT HESITATE to contact me with any suggestions on what '**The Vision**' should consider for publication. Thanks also to Marilyn Rowan for her assistance in the production of this edition.

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Burns and September

4th September 1786. Dr. Thomas Blacklock wrote to the Rev. George Laurie suggesting Robert Burns should visit Edinburgh.

"I had taken my last farewell of my few friends; my chest was on the road to Greenock. I had composed the last song I should ever measure in Caledonia when Dr. Blacklock's opinion that I should meet with encouragement in Edinburgh