



## **THE THIN GREEN LINE**

### **NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL RANGER FEDERATION**

**October - December 2011**

Volume 19

Number 4

---

#### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

##### **President's Report**

Dear IRF Friends and Colleagues:

This quarter has been full of new partnerships and possibilities for IRF.

The most immediate support for rangers is through our partnership with Amazon Conservation Team Brazil (ACT Brazil), a non-governmental organization (NGO) that has worked with an IRF member association, the Protected Area Workers Association, in New South Wales, Australia, to train indigenous rangers in Brazil. Vasco van Roosmalen, their director, proposed hiring a park ranger to work part-time on behalf of IRF for one year to accomplish shared goals. This is a similar arrangement to the one we have with Parks Victoria, where Elaine Thomas works within the agency system but does IRF work part-time. The IRF's International Executive Committee (IEC) accepted this generous offer and approved a memorandum of understanding (MOU) in November. We expect to have the MOU signed by the end of 2011. ACT Brazil hired Osvaldo Barassi for the position. Osvaldo has been very active with IRF in leading the Spanish translation team and establishing a Facebook presence for Latin American rangers. He is working on four goals outlined in our MOU:

- 1) Bring greater awareness of the role of park guards, and implement a strategy for their recognition in the Brazilian Amazon, including working with the government to establish park guard positions within the civil service.
- 2) Strengthen the current park guard training course in the Brazilian Amazon.
- 3) Promote public awareness and understanding of the role of park guards within the Brazilian Amazon and Brazilian society as a whole.
- 4) Share experiences regarding the objectives above with other members of the IRF around the world.

Since the last newsletter, I combined a personal trip to the east coast of the U.S. with several meetings for IRF over a 5-week period. Here are the highlights:

- I signed an MOU with the U.S. National Park Service and discussed potential future projects with Director Jon Jarvis. The director agreed to support our efforts to secure another park agency to place a staffing position with IRF when the appointment of Elaine Thomas (Parks Victoria) ends in May 2013.
- I met with a grants officer at Conservation International. They are very interested in supporting delegates to the World Ranger Congress and may be able to support other IRF efforts in their project areas. They now have congress information to share with their project managers, and we will continue to follow-up on other projects.
- I met with key staff at the international offices of the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. National Park Service, and U.S. Department of the Interior. All of these agencies fund projects in many countries and are interested in supporting the congress in Tanzania – probably by sponsoring delegates. I have already followed up with each about details of the congress and will continue to discuss future possible funding opportunities.
- I participated in meetings about ranger training and capacity-building, including:
  - Global Parks - This is a small NGO that uses retired U.S. park staff to provide technical assistance to protected areas. They are very involved with a project in Mongolia. We are not collaborating immediately, except by sharing information and contacts.
  - Colorado State University (Jim Barborak) - We discussed their ranger training in the U.S. and in Latin America and explored how IRF might collaborate with them. Our first actions included sharing contacts and information, including copies of *The Thin Green Line* DVD in Spanish.
  - Dave Reynolds, the new senior program advisor for the Protected Areas Capacity Development program of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)/World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA). IUCN/WCPA is very interested in working with IRF on capacity-building, especially through ranger training. WCPA has invited IRF to participate in two workshops at the World Conservation Congress (WCC).
- I attended the U.S. regional meeting of IUCN in Washington D.C. Elaine Thomas attended the Oceania regional meeting, and Jeff Ohlfs, North American representative, attended a shorter U.S. regional meeting in San Francisco. We completed several actions after those meetings:
  - IRF submitted comments on the draft *IUCN Programme 2012-2016*, which will be discussed and accepted at the WCC.
  - IRF submitted a proposal for a poster at the WCC in Korea in 2012.
- Tony Sisto, Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) international chair; Gordon Miller, IRF past president; and I met with the board of directors of the ANPR while they deliberated on submitting a proposal for hosting the 8<sup>th</sup> World Ranger Congress. During their annual Ranger Rendezvous, the board discussed this with the membership and voted to submit a proposal by November 30. In addition, I recruited two ANPR members to assist with the sponsorship of delegates to the congress in Tanzania.

### ***World Ranger Congress***

Wayne has updates about the congress in his report below. One of the most critical jobs for IRF is to find sponsors for delegates to the congress. In response to my October 26 letter to member associations, we have received seven volunteer applications. Thank you all for sharing that message – it is great to have such a positive response. We expect the team to be selected soon, and we will be posting information on the sponsorship process.

### ***Ranger Recognition and Remembrances***

Thank you to the member associations who sent letters to the Iranian Embassy from your countries regarding the scheduled execution of park ranger Assad Taghizadeh. I contacted Amnesty International about the case. Sean Willmore, of The Thin Green Line Foundation (TGLF), contacted the Human Chain Project. Both sources advised us that in Iran, the family of the victim has the power to decide the fate of this ranger. It is best if we do not involve the media but instead work with human rights organizations to pass on respectful requests for clemency.

We have received notices of the deaths of the following rangers in the past three months:

- Zephania Mbuso Myeni, Imfolozi Park, KwaZulu Natal, South Africa
- Michel Imanirafasha and Philippe Nzabonimpa, Virunga National Park, Democratic Republic of Congo

- Henry Hernandez Castillo, soldier on anti-poaching patrol, Nicaragua

The October and November issues of IRF's **Guardaparque** news bulletin have more information on some of these rangers and other ranger stories.

Letters from IRF, on behalf of all members, will be sent to the families of fallen rangers. Please keep these rangers and their families in your thoughts. If you know about a ranger's death, please send an e-mail to me at [IRFdeanne@aol.com](mailto:IRFdeanne@aol.com) and Sean Willmore at [sean@thingreenline.info](mailto:sean@thingreenline.info). Any information you can provide, including related contact information, is appreciated by IRF and the TGLF.

### ***Upcoming***

In December, I will be attending a national meeting of rangers in Chile. Discussions will include changes in how their protected areas will be managed in the future. Proposed legislation may move the protected areas from the "Forestry" agency into a new "Biodiversity and Protected Areas" agency.

Best wishes,

Deanne

[IRFdeanne@aol.com](mailto:IRFdeanne@aol.com)

## **Vice President's Report**

Thank you to all who responded positively to the call in the previous edition of **The Thin Green Line** to register for the World Ranger Congress VII. The minimum required number of people registered in time for the early bird registration deadline of October 31, 2011. This enabled us to cover the costs of the second deposit required to secure the venue. We now have less than a year to go before this important meeting, at which we look forward to welcoming you to the land of Africa's greatest mountains, lakes, and wildlife concentrations. The raising of funds is a major focus of the organizing team and the supporting sponsorship committee of IRF to ensure the participation of as many rangers as possible. We appreciate any help in this regard. We will also begin focusing on obtaining abstracts for presentations starting early in the new year with the closing date of February 28, 2012. Please give some thought to what you would like to present, so you don't miss this deadline.

Unfortunately, we have still not received a response to the follow-up letter sent by our president to the director of the World Heritage Centre, Franceso Bandarin, on March 7, 2011. The letter concerned the roundtable meeting held in Kinshasa during January this year, the ongoing deaths of rangers in Virunga National Park, and the need to act quickly on agreements. We will send a follow-up letter to urge action on the IRF's main recommendations, as communicated at the meeting.

The Rangers Without Borders project, which is now co-led by Jay Wells (USA) and Elaine Thomas (Australia), seems to be taking some steps forward toward developing this long-mooted idea to fruition. A concept document is currently in circulation and is receiving comments and input from the IRF's International Executive Committee and from a group of interested volunteers and potential participants.

In addition, there are some other potentially exciting opportunities and developments afoot for IRF. These opportunities and developments are now undergoing consultation and comments and are being managed by Deanne Adams. Check the President's Report for more information.

Thank you to all who contributed in some way during 2011. We look forward to reading and reporting on some good new developments in the life of IRF over the next year.

Best wishes and regards from Tanzania,

Wayne D. Lotter

[wayne@pamsfoundation.org](mailto:wayne@pamsfoundation.org)

## **Secretary's/Executive Officer's Report**

Since we last spoke, I have continued to work on the projects I wrote about in previous editions of **The Thin Green Line**.

### ***Rangers Without Borders***

Jay Wells (Association of National Park Rangers) and I have just completed a draft proposal for a Rangers Without Borders program. This draft proposal builds upon the work done in the past by a number of others, including Marcelo Segalerba, Juan Carlos Gambarotta, and Tegan Burton. It is currently with the International Executive Committee for discussion and endorsement.

Once the proposal has been endorsed, we will send it out to all member associations. We will also send out a call for volunteers to help get the program "up and running."

### ***Website***

The website redevelopment team finalized the site map and list of contents for the revamped IRF website. This info has been sent to three web designers, together with a design brief, for quotes. We have already received advice from two of the designers that our January timeline is unrealistic, so we are now aiming to launch the revamped site in March 2012.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for photos and logos. We now have a good collection to use on the website. If you haven't sent anything in yet, there is still time. E-mail photos and logos to [irfmailings@gmail.com](mailto:irfmailings@gmail.com), and don't forget to include information about who is in the photo, where it was taken, and what they are doing.

### ***World Congress Membership VII Meeting***

As you all know, we will be getting together in Tanzania in November 2012 for the World Ranger Congress VII. Half of the final day will be devoted to the World Congress Membership Meeting and the discussion of IRF business.

One of the items on the agenda of the World Congress membership meeting is the election of international officers and regional representatives. We will be calling for nominees for these positions within the next few months.

We also need volunteers for the election committee. This committee is responsible for organizing the nomination process and for running the election at the World Congress membership meeting. If you would like to help out with this, e-mail me at the address listed below.

### ***Ongoing Executive Officer Position***

I have also been working with Deanne on options for ensuring that the executive officer position continues beyond my three-year term. In particular, we briefed Bill Jackson (Parks Victoria chief executive) about the situation and our needs prior to his attendance at the recent World Protected Areas Leadership Forum and asked him to speak to other agency leaders. We will be following up on this in the months to come.

Elaine Thomas  
[irfsec@yahoo.com.au](mailto:irfsec@yahoo.com.au)

## **Treasurer's Report (Annual Report)**

I was elected as treasurer of the IRF at the VI World Ranger Congress in Bolivia in November 2009, two years ago.

The standing rules of IRF outline the authorities and duties of the treasurer. Section 800-40 says that the treasurer must prepare an annual report that includes an annual statement. I have prepared a report for the 20 months following my election, i.e., November 2009 to July 2011. This report should have been submitted at the beginning of 2011, but for a number of reasons, including professional reasons (i.e., a lack of time), I was unable to achieve this.

I have submitted my report to the president; it will be sent out to all member associations once it has been reviewed. Below is a summary of some of the key points in my report.

### **Summary of Accounts**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Comments</b>
70448842	£244.28	£329.80	£1013.17	£ day-to-day trading account
70360856	£0.60 (interest)	£0	£939.80	£ high-interest account For the period March 25, 2010–June 24, 2011
70823333	£2.35	£2060.00 (this is the transfer to the TGLF)	£2005.08	Dependent’s Fund, as well as some funding related to the development of the IRF For the period March 25, 2010–June 24 2011
63094555	\$0.99US	\$0 US	\$3,922.29 US	US\$ day-to-day trading account

### ***Establishment of Two Payment Officers***

After my appointment as treasurer, we found that I could not access the IRF accounts, based in Barclays Bank, UK, because I was not a resident of the United Kingdom. After discussions between the past treasurer, the president, and myself, we decided the IRF did not want to move the bank account each time after elections for a new treasurer. It was decided to establish “payment officer” positions.

Payment officers will be UK citizens. They will be responsible to the treasurer and will be able to write and sign checks at the direction of the treasurer. Two officers are required, as two signatures are required on all checks. In addition to writing and signing checks, the payment officers will also supply the treasurer with all of the necessary account information for monitoring purposes.

In April 2010, the International Executive Committee (IEC) approved the creation of two payment officer positions. Colin Dilcock and Gordon Miller were selected to fill the positions.

### ***Transfer of Funds to the Thin Green Line Foundation***

During the IEC meeting following the Bolivia Congress in 2009, it was agreed that £4,120.00 in the IRF Dependents Fund (account #: 70823333) would be transferred to the Thin Green Line Foundation (TGLF). This transfer was planned in two stages. Half of the amount would be transferred following a review by the president of the most recent official audit of the TGLF, and the remaining half would be transferred following the signing of the memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the IRF and the TGLF.

On February 18, 2011, half of the amount was transferred to the TGLF account. Due to an error in the information supplied by the TGLF, the transfer had to be repeated at an additional cost of £38.56 to the IRF.

The MOU will be signed shortly. At this time, the remaining money (approximately £2,000.00) will be transferred.

### ***IRF Financial Support to Cover the Travel Expenses of an IRF Representative at the UNESCO meeting in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo***

In June 2010, the IRF sent a letter to the director of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Centre urging UNESCO to convene a roundtable meeting to discuss the state of conservation of the World Heritage Sites of the Democratic Republic of Congo. In July 2010, an IRF representative attended the 34<sup>th</sup> World Heritage Committee Session in Brazil as an observer. He raised the issue of convening the roundtable meeting.

The roundtable meeting was held in January 2011 in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, and the IRF was invited to participate in the meeting. Wayne Lotter, IRF vice president, attended with Jobogo Mirindi, of the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The IEC approved the use of IRF funds to support Wayne Lotter's attendance at the meeting. A total of \$1,000 USD was transferred in February from IRF account #: 63094555. Remaining expenses were paid by donations from associations and individuals.

João Correia  
[vigilantenatureza@gmail.com](mailto:vigilantenatureza@gmail.com)

## **Editor's Report**

Happy New Year to all! Thank you for your support with **The Thin Green Line** in 2011.

On that note, please mark your calendar with the following upcoming 2012 due dates for submissions to **The Thin Green Line**:

- February 12, 2012
- May 12, 2012
- August 12, 2012
- November 12, 2012

I look forward to working with you in 2012.

Happy Trails,

Dana M. Dierkes  
[dmdierkes@verizon.net](mailto:dmdierkes@verizon.net)

## **REGIONAL REPORTS**

### **Central American Regional Representative Report**

One of the major problems we face in Central America is a lack of support from the government on any activities relating to the environment. This means opportunities for rangers and partners to get together are limited.

In Belize, we have contact with Derric Chan, who represents rangers there. Because of legal restrictions, they are unable to form an association. Deforestation is a big problem, and the rangers of Belize have asked that rangers from around the world help them to stop this problem.

Trifinio Fraternidad Biosphere Reserve spans three countries – Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala. It is the first tri-national biosphere reserve in Central America. The Plan Trifinio, an interstate coordination agency under the direct supervision of the vice presidents of the three countries, coordinates the management of this new biosphere reserve. We are working with the Plan Trifinio to set up one association for the rangers of their countries.

In Costa Rica, Ronald Mora, a member of the IRF and a legal representative of the Costa Rican government, is trying to organize a meeting of their country's rangers in 2012.

Guatemala will hold its seventh Ranger Congress in March 2012. We are hoping for attendance by 90% of the rangers.

Cesar A. Flores  
[titinoflores2000@yahoo.com](mailto:titinoflores2000@yahoo.com)

## European Regional Representative Report

In the period since the last report, I have been working with rangers from Denmark and Romania, as well as representatives from EUROPARC, to organize a “Youth in Action” seminar that has been funded by the European Union. The aim is to share information about junior/youth ranger activities being implemented in the respective countries and to plan for the future. It will be held in Denmark from November 7-12, and approximately 20 rangers plan to participate in the seminar.

There will be time at the seminar for participants to get together and discuss issues facing rangers in Europe and how the IRF and its member associations in Europe can help. Rigmor Solem (Norway) and I will be leading the discussion. In particular, we will be looking at specific challenges facing ranger associations and how these could be addressed, activities that the IRF and ranger associations could organize, avenues for supporting networking by rangers and ranger associations, and how the IRF can be a good partner in its relationship with EUROPARC. By the end of our time together, we want consensus on what the issues are, a list of practical actions for resolving them, and a list of individuals to implement these actions.

After the seminar, I will prepare a report on the activities and discussions that took place, along with a list of the participants. I will share this with you in the next edition of **The Thin Green Line**.

Florin Halastauan  
[Florin\\_hombre@yahoo.com](mailto:Florin_hombre@yahoo.com)

*Editor's Note: Below is a late addition...*

### **IRF Europe Meeting**

In November 2011 a meeting was organized in Denmark with the help of EUROPARC. Over 20 members of pan-European ranger associations came together to discuss future activities in Europe for IRF. The IRF President, Deanne Adams, had sent all delegates a discussion paper to help focus on future actions for both national ranger associations and IRF within Europe.

In spite of the various limitations (i.e., time constraints, limited number of IRF active people), there was still an overwhelming commitment by those present in wanting to help develop the role of IRF throughout Europe. This response, in itself, was a positive outcome.

During the meeting, it was determined that IRF Europe will try to achieve the following actions in 2012:

- Strengthen the support to the IRF Europe IEC representative by establishing a small sub-group
- Identify partnerships where established ranger associations in Europe can help new ones
- Arrange some IRF Europe joint training initiatives (e.g., in Nordic/Baltic region and in Atlantic Isles area)
- Establish an IRF Europe Facebook page, and keep it updated and widely circulated
- Translate key documents (**The Thin Green Line** and **Guardaparque**) into local languages
- Start planning for an IRF Europe meeting to be held in 2013
- Revise the list of IRF Europe country contacts with e-mail details for at least two people in each country
- Consider the best way to promote IRF Europe (e.g., display panel; calendar; revision of IRF leaflet, etc.)

IRF Europe Team (Florin Halastauan, Roger Cole, Rigmor Solem, Mario Schmid)

Roger Cole  
[rangerroger@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rangerroger@hotmail.co.uk)



At the IRF Europe meeting, delegates take time-out on bicycles. Thank goodness Denmark is flat!

## **North American Regional Representative Report**

The United States is home to 6,624 state parks with an annual attendance of over 700 million. I'm hearing state parks are being threatened by budget cuts and economic downturn in all 50 states.

With Executive Officer Elaine Thomas, we are working with the Caribbean Marine Protected Areas Management Network and Forum to get the word out into the Caribbean about the IRF. In addition, I have encouraged rangers in Florida to join the IRF.

In September, I attended the west coast meeting of the International Union for Conservation of Nature's United States Regional Forum. I presented our "Protecting the Protector" initiative, made a few contacts, and hopefully obtained a grant supporter for some rangers to attend the World Ranger Congress. In October, I attended the Association of National Park Rangers' "Ranger Rendezvous" in Williamsburg, Virginia.

I wish all my ranger colleagues a happy and safe holiday season and a New Year without ranger deaths!

Semper presidium,

Jeff Ohlfs

[deserttraveler2@roadrunner.com](mailto:deserttraveler2@roadrunner.com)

## **COMMITTEES & STAFF**

### **World Ranger Congress VII Update**

Abstract submission for the World Ranger Congress VII is open through February 28, 2012. The overall theme of the Congress is "Healthy Parks, Hungry People." We invite you to submit an abstract about one or more of the following sub-themes:

- 1) Working towards Healthy Parks (*What we are striving for as rangers*)
  - Capacity-building – needs & solutions
  - Marketing and networking
  - Making it happen



2) Dealing with Hungry People (*Any or all of the challenges limiting rangers from achieving healthy parks*)

- Challenges facing protected areas
- The ranger's job – challenges & solutions

For more detailed information about the themes go to: <http://www.pamsfoundation.org/world-rangers-congress/congress-themes>.

For further information about submitting your abstract, go to: <http://www.pamsfoundation.org/world-rangers-congress/abstract-submissions>.

Krissie Clark  
Congress Organizer  
[TanzaniaWRC@gmail.com](mailto:TanzaniaWRC@gmail.com)

## **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### **Association of National Park Rangers (United States)**

#### ***U.S. Park Ranger Shot and Killed While on Duty***

On New Year's Day, 2012, U.S. Park Ranger Margaret Anderson was shot and killed during a vehicle stop in Mount Rainier National Park in Washington State. From the National Park Service (NPS) report dated January 3, 2012:

*Ranger Margaret Anderson, 34, was shot and killed on the road to Paradise at Mount Rainier National Park on New Year's Day morning. The body of her assailant, Benjamin Barnes, who fled into the backcountry, was found by searchers yesterday afternoon. The intensive manhunt for Barnes came to an end when searchers in an aircraft spotted a body lying face down and partially submerged in the Paradise River in the vicinity of Narada Falls. Searchers on the ground traversed challenging terrain to reach the spot and confirmed that it was Barnes and that he was dead. An investigation into the incident is being led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation with park rangers and Pierce County Sheriff's Department officers assisting.*

The Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) is devastated by the news of the death of a member of the NPS family of rangers. I will have follow-up reports in the next issue of **The Thin Green Line**.

#### ***Annual Ranger Rendezvous Held in Virginia***

ANPR held its 34<sup>th</sup> annual Ranger Rendezvous in Williamsburg, VA in October. In addition to five days of presentations, workshops, and training, IRF President Deanne Adams also attended and gave an update about the upcoming Tanzania World Ranger Congress with an invitation for members to register early. She also reported on the recent signing of a memorandum of understanding between the U.S. NPS and the IRF. (See the President's Report.)

Next year's rendezvous will be held in southern California, just before the start of the Tanzania World Ranger Congress. Nonetheless, many members are still planning to attend the Tanzania congress, including the ANPR president.

#### ***ANPR to Apply to Host 8<sup>th</sup> World Ranger Congress***

At the rendezvous in Williamsburg and after public discussion, the ANPR board voted unanimously to support the following motion that was put before the membership from the floor:

*We move that:*

- *ANPR submit a proposal for hosting the International Ranger Federation's 7<sup>th</sup> World Ranger Congress in 2015 or 2016; and*
- *If selected, that a task group be formed to organize the congress.*

A retreat facility outside of Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado is a main target site, although the board may look at other locations. If hosted in 2016, it would be the same year as the centennial of the U.S. NPS establishment. The members felt this connection may assist in gaining both in-kind and funding support from partners. Members attending were all very supportive after the motion passed.

The congress has been held in every world region represented in the IRF except Asia and North America. By working with key partners in North America, ANPR would be very capable of hosting the professional World Ranger Congress.

Travel well,

Tony Sisto  
[Tsisto47@aol.com](mailto:Tsisto47@aol.com)

### **Countryside Management Association (England/Wales)**

The annual meeting of the Countryside Management Association (CMA) took place in Exmoor National Park in southwest England in October 2011. Dan Barnett was elected as the new chair of the association and Mike Anderson as secretary/treasurer. The CMA membership remains stable at approximately 400 members. *RANGER* magazine continues to be published quarterly, and we are always happy to send copies of the magazine to other IRF member associations upon request. (If interested, please e-mail your request to [rangerroger@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rangerroger@hotmail.co.uk).)

Each year, the CMA organizes Study Days events at various locations to provide our members the chance to network with each other. In 2011, we organized and managed 10 Study Days events, which were attended by approximately 200 people. Our Study Days program for 2012 will be published in January.

The year 2012 promises to be busy with both the IRF Congress in Tanzania and the Olympic Games in London. Speaking personally, I will be acting as a volunteer at the Olympics and have been allocated the task of visitor management at the Olympic White Water Canoe Centre, which has been built in the Lee Valley Park, one of the former country parks I managed near London.

Roger Cole  
[rangerroger@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rangerroger@hotmail.co.uk)

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 5-9, 2012 California Conference held by California State Park Rangers Association and Park Rangers Association of California, Renaissance Hotel, Agoura Hills, California, USA  
<http://www.cspra.com/>
- May 8-12, 2012 *NAI International Conference*, Pacific Islands, Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i, USA. The National Association for Interpretation hosts its seventh annual international conference on the subject of heritage interpretation. The conference will feature three full days of concurrent sessions and one day for an off-site session, as well as keynote speakers, special events, and pre- and post-conference tours. The conference will bring together 150 to 200 delegates from 30-40 nations in an effort to create opportunities for professional development for attendees and establish a network for professional associations and individuals.  
<http://www.interpnet.com/ic/>
- July 31, 2012 *World Ranger Day* - IRF member associations, protected area agencies, individual rangers, sponsors, and the public are invited to create or join in events and activities that recognize the work of rangers across the globe.  
[www.int-ranger.net/whatsnew.html](http://www.int-ranger.net/whatsnew.html)
- July 31, 2012 *20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the International Ranger Federation*
- September 6-15, 2012 *2012 World Conservation Congress*, International Convention Center, Jeju, Republic of Korea  
<http://iccjeju.cafe24.com/eng/>  
[http://www.iucn.org/2012\\_congress/](http://www.iucn.org/2012_congress/)
- October 28 – November 1, 2012 *ANPR Ranger Rendezvous*, Miramonte Resort & Spa at Indians Wells, California, USA ([www.miramonteresort.com](http://www.miramonteresort.com)). Sponsored by the Association of National Park Rangers.  
<http://www.anpr.org/>
- November 4-9, 2012 *World Ranger Congress VII*, Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge in northern Tanzania, Eastern Africa. Organized by PAMS Foundation. Sponsored by the International Ranger Federation.  
[TanzaniaWRC@gmail.com](mailto:TanzaniaWRC@gmail.com)  
<http://www.pamsfoundation.org/world-rangers-congress>
- November 13-17, 2012 *National Interpreters Workshop*, Hampton, Virginia, USA. The National Association for Interpretation's workshop brings together more than 1,000 interpreters to train, network, share ideas, and enjoy a different part of the country.  
<http://www.interpnet.com/>

## MEMBER DIRECTORY

The following is for quick reference only and does not include the names of individual ranger associations. Where more than one name is listed for a given nation, it is because there's more than one ranger association in that country. For a complete list, please contact Elaine Thomas, IRF secretary, at the address below.

### OFFICERS

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Email</b>
President	Deanne Adams	United States	<a href="mailto:irfdeanne@aol.com">irfdeanne@aol.com</a>
Vice President	Wayne Lotter	Tanzania	<a href="mailto:wayne@pamsfoundation.org">wayne@pamsfoundation.org</a>
Treasurer	João Manuel Dos Santos Correia	Portugal	<a href="mailto:vigilantenatureza@gmail.com">vigilantenatureza@gmail.com</a>
Secretary	Elaine Thomas	Australia	<a href="mailto:irfsec@yahoo.com.au">irfsec@yahoo.com.au</a>

### REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Africa	André Botha	South Africa	<a href="mailto:andreb@ewt.org.za">andreb@ewt.org.za</a>
Asia	Young-Deok Park	Korea	<a href="mailto:pyd1790@hanmail.net">pyd1790@hanmail.net</a> <a href="mailto:knpsioia@gmail.com">knpsioia@gmail.com</a>
Central America	Cesar Augusto Flores Lopez	Guatemala	<a href="mailto:Titinoflores2000@yahoo.com">Titinoflores2000@yahoo.com</a>
Europe	Florin Halastauan	Romania	<a href="mailto:Florin_hombre@yahoo.com">Florin_hombre@yahoo.com</a>
North America	Jeff Ohlfs	USA	<a href="mailto:deserttraveler2@roadrunner.com">deserttraveler2@roadrunner.com</a>
Oceania	Tegan Burton	Australia	<a href="mailto:pawa_nsw@hotmail.com">pawa_nsw@hotmail.com</a>
South America	Ana Carola Vaca Salazar	Bolivia	<a href="mailto:vacacarola@gmail.com">vacacarola@gmail.com</a>

### PAST PRESIDENTS

Past President	Gordon Miller	England	<a href="mailto:irfhq@gmail.com">irfhq@gmail.com</a>
Past President	Rick Smith	United States	<a href="mailto:rsmith0921@comcast.net">rsmith0921@comcast.net</a>
Past President	David Zeller	South Africa	<a href="mailto:zeller.irf@gmail.com">zeller.irf@gmail.com</a>

### STAFF and COMMITTEE LEADERS

<b>The Thin Green Line</b>	Dana M. Dierkes	United States	<a href="mailto:dmdierkes@verizon.net">dmdierkes@verizon.net</a>
<b>Guardaparque</b>	Bill Halainen	United States	<a href="mailto:Bill_Halainen@contractor.nps.gov">Bill_Halainen@contractor.nps.gov</a>
Executive Officer	Elaine Thomas	Australia	<a href="mailto:irfsec@yahoo.com.au">irfsec@yahoo.com.au</a>
Payments Officer	Colin Dilcock	England	<a href="mailto:cdilcock@supanet.com">cdilcock@supanet.com</a>
Rangers without Borders	Jay Wells	United States	<a href="mailto:jaywells@methownet.com">jaywells@methownet.com</a>
Spanish Translation Website	Osvaldo Barassi David Burns	Chile/Brazil Australia	<a href="mailto:o_barassi@yahoo.es">o_barassi@yahoo.es</a> <a href="mailto:babaji@internode.on.net">babaji@internode.on.net</a>
World Ranger Congress Steering Committee	Kristen Appel Andy Nixon	Australia Australia	<a href="mailto:kristenappel@octa4.net.au">kristenappel@octa4.net.au</a> <a href="mailto:andrew.nixon@parks.vic.gov.au">andrew.nixon@parks.vic.gov.au</a>
Youth Development	Michal Skalka	Czech	<a href="mailto:skalka.michal@seznam.cz">skalka.michal@seznam.cz</a>

## **NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Email</b>
Africa	Jobogo Mirindi	Democratic Republic of Congo	<a href="mailto:jmirindi@yahoo.com">jmirindi@yahoo.com</a>
	Joachim Kouame	Ivory Coast	<a href="mailto:ahounze@yahoo.fr">ahounze@yahoo.fr</a>
	André Botha	South Africa	<a href="mailto:andreb@ewt.org.za">andreb@ewt.org.za</a>
	Krissie Clarke	Tanzania	<a href="mailto:krissie@pamsfoundation.org">krissie@pamsfoundation.org</a>
	John Makombo	Uganda	<a href="mailto:john.makombo@ugandawildlife.org">john.makombo@ugandawildlife.org</a>
Asia	DD Boro	India	<a href="mailto:daboro@gmail.com">daboro@gmail.com</a>
	Young-Deok Park	Korea	<a href="mailto:pyd1790@hanmail.net">pyd1790@hanmail.net</a> <a href="mailto:knpsioia@gmail.com">knpsioia@gmail.com</a>
Central America	Leonel Delgado Pereira	Costa Rica	<a href="mailto:leonel.delgado@sinac.go.cr">leonel.delgado@sinac.go.cr</a>
	Cesar Augusto Flores Lopez	Guatemala	<a href="mailto:Titinoflores2000@yahoo.com">Titinoflores2000@yahoo.com</a>
Europe	Barbara Mertin	Austria	<a href="mailto:barbara.mertin@chello.at">barbara.mertin@chello.at</a>
	Borek Franek	Czech Republic	<a href="mailto:borek.franek@seznam.cz">borek.franek@seznam.cz</a>
	Arne Bondo Anderson	Denmark	<a href="mailto:arne1864@bbsyd.dk">arne1864@bbsyd.dk</a>
	Roger Cole	England/Wales	<a href="mailto:rangerroger@hotmail.co.uk">rangerroger@hotmail.co.uk</a>
	Emmanuel Icardo	France	<a href="mailto:emmanuel.icardo@mercantour-parcnational.fr">emmanuel.icardo@mercantour-parcnational.fr</a>
	Minna Koramo	Finland	<a href="mailto:suomenrangerit@gmail.com">suomenrangerit@gmail.com</a>
	Frank Grütz	Germany	<a href="mailto:head@bundesverband-naturwacht.de">head@bundesverband-naturwacht.de</a>
	Tünde Ludnai	Hungary	<a href="mailto:ludnait@knp.hu">ludnait@knp.hu</a>
	Thorunn Sigihorsdottir	Iceland	<a href="mailto:thorunns@simnet.is">thorunns@simnet.is</a>
	Brendan O'Shea	Republic of Ireland	<a href="mailto:brendan.o'shea@environ.ie">brendan.o'shea@environ.ie</a>
	Alberto Dominici	Italy	<a href="mailto:albedom@libero.itmailto:gcavalloni@p arcapuane.it">albedom@libero.itmailto:gcavalloni@p arcapuane.it</a>
	Augusto Atturo	Italy	<a href="mailto:ecopol@fastwebnet.it">ecopol@fastwebnet.it</a>
	Nicola Pillonetto	Italy	<a href="mailto:nicola.pillonetto@hotmail.it">nicola.pillonetto@hotmail.it</a>
	Rigmor Solem	Norway	<a href="mailto:rigmor.solem@dirnat.no">rigmor.solem@dirnat.no</a>
	Tadeusz Sidor	Poland	<a href="mailto:ptsop@ptsop.org.pl">ptsop@ptsop.org.pl</a>
	Francisco Jose Semedo Correia	Portugal	<a href="mailto:francisosemedo@gmail.com">francisosemedo@gmail.com</a>
Mihai Gligan	Romania	<a href="mailto:mgligan@yahoo.com">mgligan@yahoo.com</a>	
Viktor Grishenkov	Russia	<a href="mailto:vkz@mail.ru">vkz@mail.ru</a>	
Tony Wilson	Scotland	<a href="mailto:tony.wilson@fifecountryside.co.uk">tony.wilson@fifecountryside.co.uk</a>	
Zdeno Pochop	Slovakia	<a href="mailto:zpo chop@gmail.com">zpo chop@gmail.com</a>	
Martin Solar	Slovenia	<a href="mailto:martin.solar@tnp.gov.si">martin.solar@tnp.gov.si</a>	

## **NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Email</b>
Europe (cont)	Francisco Tejedor	Spain	<a href="mailto:amanita@teleline.es">amanita@teleline.es</a>
	Per Egelberg	Sweden	<a href="mailto:per.egelberg@tyresta.se">per.egelberg@tyresta.se</a>
	Alice Johnson	Switzerland	<a href="mailto:alice.johnson@oekological.com">alice.johnson@oekological.com</a>
North America	Mike Misskey	Canada	<a href="mailto:Mike.Misskey@pc.gc.ca">Mike.Misskey@pc.gc.ca</a>
	Bryan Sundberg	Canada	<a href="mailto:secretary.anroa@gmail.com">secretary.anroa@gmail.com</a>
	Tony Sisto	United States <sup>1</sup>	<a href="mailto:Tsisto47@aol.com">Tsisto47@aol.com</a>
	Jon Young	United States <sup>2</sup>	<a href="mailto:jon_young@blm.gov">jon_young@blm.gov</a>
	Steve Bier	United States <sup>3</sup>	<a href="mailto:sbier@parks.ca.gov">sbier@parks.ca.gov</a>
	Carl Nielsen	United States <sup>4</sup>	<a href="mailto:Nielsen4397@comcast.net">Nielsen4397@comcast.net</a>
	David Updike	United States <sup>5</sup>	<a href="mailto:david.updike@mrca.ca.gov">david.updike@mrca.ca.gov</a>
Oceania	Kelly Knights	Australia <sup>6</sup>	<a href="mailto:kelly.knights@nt.gov.au">kelly.knights@nt.gov.au</a>
	Joshua Madden	Australia <sup>7</sup>	<a href="mailto:joshua.madden@environment.nsw.gov.au">joshua.madden@environment.nsw.gov.au</a>
	Andy Dutton	Australia <sup>8</sup>	<a href="mailto:andy.dutton@derm.qld.gov.au">andy.dutton@derm.qld.gov.au</a>
	Derek Snowball	Australia <sup>9</sup>	<a href="mailto:derek.snowball@sa.gov.au">derek.snowball@sa.gov.au</a>
	Rob Buck	Australia <sup>10</sup>	<a href="mailto:robert.buck@parks.tas.gov.au">robert.buck@parks.tas.gov.au</a>
	Edena Critch	Australia <sup>11</sup>	<a href="mailto:edena.critch@parks.vic.gov.au">edena.critch@parks.vic.gov.au</a>
	Luke Bouwman	Australia <sup>12</sup>	<a href="mailto:luke.bouwman@dec.wa.gov.au">luke.bouwman@dec.wa.gov.au</a>
South America	Jude Rawcliffe	New Zealand	<a href="mailto:jude@nzrecreation.org.nz">jude@nzrecreation.org.nz</a>
	Marcelo Ochoa	Argentina	<a href="mailto:mochoa@apn.gov.ar">mochoa@apn.gov.ar</a>
	Rober Salvatierra	Bolivia	<a href="mailto:robsalva@hotmail.com">robsalva@hotmail.com</a>
	Juventino Kaxuyana	Brazil	<a href="mailto:apitikatxi@gmail.com">apitikatxi@gmail.com</a>
	Julio Cesar Vergara Zapata	Chile	<a href="mailto:rrcipres@conaf.cl">rrcipres@conaf.cl</a>
	Lenoel Guido Gil Yopez	Ecuador	<a href="mailto:ggil@spng.org.ec">ggil@spng.org.ec</a>
	Raúl Alonzo Benitez	Paraguay	
	Wilder Canales Campos	Peru	<a href="mailto:viajerowcc@hotmail.com">viajerowcc@hotmail.com</a>
	Roy Ho Tsoi	Suriname	<a href="mailto:rhotsoi@gmail.com">rhotsoi@gmail.com</a>
	Gonzalo Larrobla	Uruguay	<a href="mailto:bhocandado@yahoo.com">bhocandado@yahoo.com</a>

---

<sup>1</sup> National

<sup>2</sup> National

<sup>3</sup> State - California

<sup>4</sup> National

<sup>5</sup> State - California

<sup>6</sup> National and State (Northern Territory)

<sup>7</sup> State (New South Wales)

<sup>8</sup> State - Queensland

<sup>9</sup> State - South Australia

<sup>10</sup> State - Tasmania

<sup>11</sup> State - Victoria

<sup>12</sup> State - Western Australia

## **INTERNATIONAL PARKS COMMUNITY**

ACT Brasil	Vasco van Roosmalen	Brasil	<a href="mailto:vasco@actbrasil.org.br">vasco@actbrasil.org.br</a>
Europarc	Carol Ritchie	Europe	<a href="mailto:c.ritchie@europarc.org">c.ritchie@europarc.org</a>
FFI <sup>13</sup>	Paul Hotham	England	<a href="mailto:paul.hotham@fauna-flora.org">paul.hotham@fauna-flora.org</a>
GRASP <sup>14</sup>		Kenya	<a href="mailto:grasp@unep.org">grasp@unep.org</a>
ICPL <sup>15</sup>	Liz Hughes	Wales	<a href="mailto:icpl@protected-landscapes.org">icpl@protected-landscapes.org</a>
IUCN HQ		Switzerland	<a href="mailto:mail@iucn.org">mail@iucn.org</a>
IUCN <sup>16</sup> WCPA <sup>17</sup>	Nik Lopoukhine	Canada	<a href="mailto:nik.lopukhine@pc.gc.ca">nik.lopukhine@pc.gc.ca</a>
	Dr. Ernesto Enkerlin Hoeflich	Mexico	<a href="mailto:enkerlin@itesm.mx">enkerlin@itesm.mx</a>
IUCN/WCPA World Heritage Thematic Leader	Allen Putney		<a href="mailto:putney.allen@att.net">putney.allen@att.net</a>
Jacobs Foundation		England	<a href="mailto:jf@jacobsfoundation.org">jf@jacobsfoundation.org</a>
Latin American Rangers Federation	Daniel Paz Barreto	Argentina	<a href="mailto:pazbarreto@gmail.com">pazbarreto@gmail.com</a>
Parks Victoria	Chris Rose	Australia	<a href="mailto:chris.rose@parks.vic.gov.au">chris.rose@parks.vic.gov.au</a>
RSPB <sup>18</sup>	Steve Rowland	England	<a href="mailto:steve.rowland@tesco.net">steve.rowland@tesco.net</a>
Thin Green Line Foundation	Sean Willmore	Australia	<a href="mailto:sean@thingreenline.info">sean@thingreenline.info</a>
Turner Foundation	Mike Finley	United States	<a href="mailto:mikef@turnerfoundation.org">mikef@turnerfoundation.org</a>
World Heritage Commission – Chief of Unit, Special Projects Unit	Guy Debonnet		<a href="mailto:g.debonnet@unesco.org">g.debonnet@unesco.org</a>

## **YOUNG CONSERVATIONIST AWARD RECIPIENTS**

2011	Héctor Antonio Caymaris Zanelli	Uruguay	<a href="mailto:caymaris@gmail.com">caymaris@gmail.com</a>
2010	Alasdair Harris	Scotland /Madagascar	<a href="mailto:al@blueventures.org">al@blueventures.org</a>
2008	Edwin Sabuhoro	Rwanda	<a href="mailto:esabuhoro@rwandaecotours.com">esabuhoro@rwandaecotours.com</a>
2006	Christian Teran	Ecuador	<a href="mailto:cteran2@yahoo.es">cteran2@yahoo.es</a>

---

<sup>13</sup> Fauna Flora International

<sup>14</sup> Great Apes Survival Project (UNEP)

<sup>15</sup> International Centre for Protected Landscapes

<sup>16</sup> International Union for Conservation of Nature

<sup>17</sup> World Commission on Protected Areas

<sup>18</sup> Royal Society for the Protection of Birds