



**INTERNATIONAL  
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## **Letter of Agreement**

Seebach, 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2015

The IRF European Ranger Meeting took place from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> of November in the German Black Forest National Park.

### Following persons attended the meeting:

Thomas Herren, Niklas Göth (Swiss Ranger Association)  
Bo Rene Storm (Danish Ranger Association)  
Emmanuel Icardo (French Ranger Association)  
Branko Stivic (Croatian Ranger Association)  
Bob Reid (Scottish Ranger Association & in the name of Countryside Management Association GB)  
Florin Halastauan (IRF Europe Representative & in the name of Romanian Ranger Association)  
Barbara Mertin (Austrian Ranger Association)  
Victor Grishenkov, Oleg Prigoryanu, Alexander Kochergin, Alexey Yakovlev (Russian Ranger Association)  
Linda Björk Hallgrimsdottir (Iceland Ranger Association)  
Adam Divis (Czech Ranger Association & in the name of Slovakian Ranger Association)  
Tünde Ludnai, Sandor Rozsa, Bela Vaczi (Hungarian Rangers)  
Przemyslaw Wasiak, Magda Prajsnar, Bartosz Pirga, Maksymilian Broyek (Polish Rangers)  
Mario Schmid, Michael Grossmann, Patrick Stader, Frank Grütz (German Ranger Association & in the name of Portuguese Ranger Association) Charly Ebel, Urs Reif, Heidrun Zeus (Black Forest National Park)

Report: Friederike Schneider (Black Forest National Park)

Following topics were discussed:

1. Establishing of an European Ranger Association with a specific structure under the umbrella of the IRF

All participants of the meeting agreed to build up an European Ranger Association (**ERA**) with a specific structure under the umbrella of the IRF.

As a proper structure for this association in Europe an organizational scheme was worked out:

All **heads of the** particular **National Ranger Associations** and also single Rangers (without an association) elect the members of the **executive committee** at the European Ranger Congress every three years.

This committee consists of an **Executive Manager** (head of the office) and four **chairmen/officers** with different fields of responsibility (**see 2.**)

The **European Representative** of the IRF – also the **head** of the **executive committee** – is elected at the WRC (World Ranger Congress) every three years (at present: Florin Halastauan).

On top of the hierarchical structure stands the **president of the IRF** (at present: Sean Willmore).

This President is also elected at the WRC.

## 2. Creating different fields of responsibility for the executive committee

The different tasks/jobs of the officers were discussed and divided into clusters. Those clusters were given to four different offices (Office 1, Office 2,...)

**Office 1:** Communication, Profile, Ranger Image, etc.

**Office 2:** Finances, Fundraising, Sponsoring

**Office 3:** Project Development

**Office 4:** Training, Environmental Education, Nature Conservation, Biological Diversity & Wildlife

## 3. Discussing first ideas for projects of the ERA

As project ideas for the particular offices the following was discussed:

**Office 1:** Image-Campaign, Ranger-Video-Project, Ranger & Law, Networking, IRF-EU-Ranger-Database (Dataflow from Associations, Spreading of Information, Exchange Platform, Ranger Dictionary), Facebook

**Office 2:** Sponsoring of Participants WRC 2016, European Ranger Congress 2017 (The decision which country will host has to be made until summer 2016)

**Office 3:** Cluster Building, International Partnerships, World-Ranger-Day, Twinning Project, Projects to establish new National Ranger Associations (support & advice)

**Office 4:** Field Trips, Exchange Programs, Train the Trainer, Ranger Mentoring, Connections to Europe Interpretation

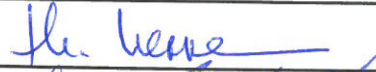





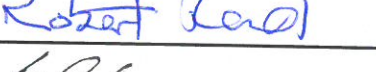








## 4. Discussion about existing Ranger Trust in the UK

Furthermore, it was decided to gather information about the existing **IRF- Trust** in the UK and to integrate the above-mentioned structure of the ERA into this trust (if possible)

## 5. Setting of a time table

- End of **December 2015:** Sending information to all Heads of the European National Ranger Associations: **Letter of Agreement**. To be **signed until** the end of **January 2016**
- **January 2016: Nominating candidates** for the position of the **European Representative**
- Until **WRC 2016:** Looking for voluntary chairmen/officers
- Until **WRC 2016:** Setting the **hosting country** for the European Ranger Congress 2017
- **WRC 2016: Election of IRF European Representative**
- European Ranger Congress **2017: Election of an Executive Manager** and four **chairmen/officers** for the executive committee of the ERA

*I agree to the content of this letter:*

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