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## IRF Team

President: Neil Phillips  
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Secretary/Treasurer: Rod Phillips  
Technical Manager: Lauri Leppik  
VRA-IRF Liaison Officer: Rebecca Shaw  
Promotion/Development Manager  
World Championships Manager

## Members of IRF

Czech Republic (Miroslav Seidl, Jan Tojnar)  
New Zealand (Alan Holdaway, Nick Collins)  
Australia (David Baldwin, Richard Robinson)  
Estonia (Lauri Leppik, Eduard Pukkonen)  
USA: (Barb Bryant, Bob Reddick)  
Ukraine: (Oleksandr Letychevskiy, Efim Shtempler)  
Latvia (Guntars Mankus, Ilze Lapina)  
Russia (Sergey Yashchenko, Evgeny Dombrovskiy)

## Observer status

Brazil: José Nilton Silva Vargas  
Canada: Francis Falardeau  
Finland: Miia Hovi  
Germany: Marko Rößler  
Israel:  
Lithuania: Gediminas Trimakas  
Spain: Filip Gili  
Sweden: Bengt Nilsson  
various elections in progress

## IRF Constitution changes

In late 2012, a number of changes were made to the IRF Constitution, and these came into place on 1st January 2013. Important changes included the expansion of the IRF Executive, and the abolition of individual members representing countries and regions. Consequently, elections have been announced for various Executive positions, and there are significant changes to the composition of the IRF Council.

The IRF Executive now comprises eight positions:

- President
- Vice-president

- Secretary
- Treasurer
- VRA International Liaison Manager
- Promotion/Development Manager
- World Championships Manager
- Technical Manager

These four managers and Past President are non-voting members of IRF Council. All Executive positions are elected on a staggered basis.

A number of Observers leave the IRF Council with the change of Rules. Some are in the process of re-applying for new Observer status, but to all we extend our thanks for keeping the two-way flow of information vibrant between your own countries and the international rogaining community. The opinions of Observers during all our debates and voting have been very welcome as a way to capture a wide range of ideas.

## Murray Foubister, Kamloops Canada

Murray has left the IRF Council after representing Canada as an individual member since 2007, and being actively engaged in IRF activities since 1989. He was one of the pioneers of rogaining in western Canada and has organised a number of major events in the beautiful Kamloops region between Vancouver and Calgary. He combined with Bob Reddick to ensure the early North American Rogaining Championships were genuinely continental in their scope, and he was co-ordinator of several NARC rogaines. A highlight was when he was co-ordinator of the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Rogaining Championships near Kamloops in 1998, the first time WRC had been held outside Australia. Thank you, Murray, for all your work for rogaining.

## 10WRC in Czech Republic

A total of 697 participants from 28 countries entered the 10<sup>th</sup> World rogaining Championships in the Czech Republic.

No.	Country	Number
1	Australia	43
2	Belarus	5
3	Brazil	1
4	Canada	3
5	China	1
6	Czech Republic	131
7	Denmark	2
8	Estonia	49
9	Finland	32
10	France	8
11	Germany	18
12	Hungary	2
13	Japan	7
14	Latvia	75
15	Lithuania	2
16	New Zealand	26
17	Norway	2
18	Poland	27
19	Portugal	1
20	Romania	1
21	Russia	148
22	Slovakia	6
23	South Africa	5
24	Spain	17
25	Sweden	2
26	Ukraine	59
27	United Kingdom	3
28	United States	21
<b>Total</b>		<b>697</b>