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Membership Change to Constitution

Members recently approved a change to the IRF Constitution that alters the membership structure. From the start of

2013, voting within the IRF will be through a Council made up of individuals who represent National Rogaining Associations. New rules will require that each national rogaining association meets new criteria:

“A national rogaining association shall, in that country, be representative of rogainers and take responsibility for the development of rogaining. It must have a constitution, a financial system and a representative committee. It must oversee an active rogaining program and contribute to international rogaining.” Also on the voting council of the IRF will be officers of the IRF (Executive).

New IRF Member for Estonia

Eduard Pukkonen replaces Andres Käär as one of the two Members on the IRF representing Estonia. Eduard is a member of the Rogaining Committee in Estonia and an active rogainer who has won several medals at the European and World Rogaining Championships in mixed veteran categories.

Andres Käär has been an IRF Observer since 2000 and a Member since 2007 so he has witnessed, and been a catalyst, for a strong period of growth of rogaining in Estonia and neighboring countries. He is thanked sincerely for his contribution.

Branding workshops

An opportunity to attend some sports branding workshops in late 2009 highlighted areas where rogaining could easily improve its brand, i.e. what other people think of rogaining. One action was an externally focused Newsletter (#150), another was a standardise Rogaining Shirt. Feedback from the workshops included the large number of opportunities for the sport, and the cryptic and highly varied logos and messages on our publicity for associations and major events.

Special IRF Anniversary Newsletter

A supply of IRF Newsletter #150 has been distributed to all Members and Observers, and the Victorian Rogaining Association has co-purchased 200 copies for their own use. The Newsletter is designed to assist all organisers leading major rogaines and/or seeking land access permission in that it immediately establishes membership of a global sporting organisation. The Newsletter should also be useful with governments, granting agencies and sponsorships to demonstrate the reach of the sport, and types of people involved. The Newsletter could be reprinted at cost to each group if there is sufficient interest.

Commemorative Rogaining Shirts

Commemorative rogaining shirts have been sent to Members and Observers. These are high quality shirts suitable and comfortable for a wide range of uses such as leaders representing the sport. Special attention has been paid to using the shirt to clearly advertise the sport with the logo, the name *Rogaining*, and description of the sport *Cross-country navigation*.

2010 Events

The Wild Boar

6-hours, Catalunya, Spain, 23 January,
www.thewildboar.org

Rogaine 6

6 hours, Sai Kung Country Park, Hong Kong, 24 January,
www.ayp.org.hk/rogaine6

Israel Rogaine

8 hours, Bik'at Ha'Nadiv (near Hadera), Israel, 27 March,
<http://www.nivut.org/il/english/>

Australian Rogaining Championships

24 hours, Snowy Mountains, ACT, Australia, 27-28 March
act.rogaine.asn.au/Events/10AusChamps

New Zealand Rogaining Championships

24 hours, Akatarawas, Wellington region, New Zealand, 17-18 April
www.rogaine.org.nz

South Australian Rogaining Championships

24-25 April 2010

Rogaining links

Australian Rogaining calendar -
rogaine.asn.au

Estonia (a comprehensive European calendar) <http://www.rogain.ee/en/events>

Japanese rogaining calendar -
www.rogaining.jp

North American rogaining calendar -
www.us.orienteering.org/rogainecal.html

Russian rogaining calendar -
www.rogaining.ru (In Russian)