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**The Thin Green Line** is a quarterly publication about the activities of the International Ranger Federation (IRF), an organization of non-governmental and governmental ranger organizations from around the world. If you have a submission for **The Thin Green Line**, please send it to both [IRFmailings@gmail.com](mailto:IRFmailings@gmail.com) and to Editor Dana Dierkes ([dmdierkes@verizon.net](mailto:dmdierkes@verizon.net)). Thank you to our volunteer translators—Osvaldo Barassi, Rick Smith, and Rebeca Mencos—for the Spanish edition.

#### **OFFICERS' REPORTS**

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

Dear IRF Friends and Colleagues:

I am writing this report as we drive along the Icefields Highway in the Canadian national parks of Banff and Jasper. These parks, with their incredible scenic value, abundant wildlife, and cultural history, are an inspiring reminder of why we all do this volunteer work for IRF and ranger associations. We are working for IRF as we are driving north through Canada to our new home in Alaska. We will have arrived by the time you read this in September.

##### **World Conservation Congress**

Executive Officer Elaine Thomas and I will represent the IRF at the World Conservation Congress being held in Jeju, South Korea, in early September. No IRF funds are being used for this attendance. Activities for IRF include:

- Joint presentation, with the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN's) World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), of the International Young Conservationist Award
- Presentation of an IRF poster on the value of training for rangers
- Presentation about ranger mentoring as part of a workshop on increasing capacity for protected areas
- Participating in a forum with the chief executive officers of the world national parks
- Informal meetings with WCPA, park agency representatives, and Korean park rangers

## **World Ranger Congress**

With increased focus on the November elections for IRF officers and regional representatives at the World Ranger Congress, I have been responding to member inquiries about the positions and encouraging members to run for election. IRF needs active ranger association members to come forward and serve—please join your colleagues in this volunteer work for rangers.

The IRF's World Ranger Congress also serves as the venue for our membership meeting. Please pay attention to notices from the IRF secretary about designating one member from each association to vote and about deadlines for submitting motions from associations.

## **2012 International Young Conservationist Award**

The annual International Young Conservationist Award, along with World Ranger Day, continues to raise the profile of the IRF. The fifth award will be presented in South Korea at the World Conservation Congress. The award recipient is Elisangela Sales dos Santos from Brazil, the first woman to be selected as a recipient. She has been selected for her education work with communities near protected areas and her role in training rangers. (In two previous years, women were selected as runners-up.) Elisangela will be attending the World Conservation Congress, along with Osvaldo Barassi, who will translate for her. Osvaldo works for IRF in a part-time grant position sponsored by the Amazon Conservation Team (ACT) Brazil, one of our partners. ACT Brazil is assisting with conference travel expenses for Osvaldo. Conference expenses for Elisangela are paid by Parks Victoria, which is in its fourth year of sponsoring this award. We appreciate the support of young conservationists from a leading park agency.

## **IRF Website and Facebook Page**

You will see in the executive officer's report below that intense work went into the development and launch of the IRF's new website and official Facebook page. Thank you to the team for these new communications tools that will allow us to quickly update our members about ranger news and give members and the public a chance to comment about ranger activities.

## **Ranger Recognition and Remembrances**

News reports about ranger deaths are now covered in IRF's **Guardaparque** news bulletin. Please keep these rangers and their families in your thoughts. If you know of a ranger death, please send an e-mail to the IRF at [irfmailings@gmail.com](mailto:irfmailings@gmail.com) and to Sean Willmore at [sean@thingreenline.info](mailto:sean@thingreenline.info). The IRF and The Thin Green Line Foundation appreciate any information you can send about a ranger's death, including related contact information.

## **Upcoming**

- World Conservation Congress in September
- World Ranger Congress in November

Best wishes,

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## **Vice President's Report**

With less than 3 months to go before the World Ranger Congress VII, and the demands of our usual occupations as high as ever, we are extremely busy. Hence, this will be a short newsletter report.

There are still a few gaps to be filled in the congress program, and accommodations are available at the venue in most of the room categories. The deadline dates have been extended to cater to as many participants as possible. I would like to appeal to everyone to do your best to attend this milestone event and urge as many rangers and supporters of rangers within your networks to come to Tanzania and see why World Ranger Congresses are like no other international conferences or symposiums on the planet. Everyone who has had the good fortune of attending one will know exactly what I mean. That is why some people who attended the first congress in Poland over 20 years ago have made sure not to miss out on a single one since then.

With this being the last edition of **The Thin Green Line** newsletter before the World Congress membership meeting, I would like to thank the editors of this newsletter and everyone on the IRF committees, with whom I have been able to work and serve over the past 3 years. As with all committees anywhere in the world, some contribute more and others less. Some can give more of themselves, and others are in less of a position to do so. At the end of the day, what is done is voluntary. I would like to thank everybody within the IRF for giving willingly, whatever they did give for the cause of rangers and what we all care most about, over the past 3 years! I am a dreamer and ambitious by nature, so I think that we could certainly have achieved more than we have, in various ways and aspects, but I am thankful for what has been done and put in place for the new executive committee to take over for the next 4-year period. Best wishes to the new team that will lead the IRF beyond the World Ranger Congress VII until and including the next World Ranger Congress in the U.S.A. in 2016.

Thank you also to all of the individuals who stepped in to help when we needed to represent the rangers of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) at meetings, including at the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization's meeting in Brazil during 2010 and the one in the DRC in January 2011. In addition, thank you to the individuals who have dug deep and done much to help other rangers attend the congress and/or to support rangers and their dependents during their hours of need! Once again, it must be said that, when this occurs, the Australian member associations and The Thin Green Line Foundation have been the outstanding stars. In the week prior to World Ranger Day 2012, I saw and experienced this selfless assistance personally when the homes of two field rangers were burned to the ground during a revenge attack after rangers arrested poachers the week before. Within less than a week, after fundraising, the rangers had the means to buy the materials needed to rebuild their homes. This prevented their morale—and that of their families and colleagues—from dropping in the process. As a result, these rangers have not given up. In fact, the number of arrests and seizures of poached items in our project area has increased since then.

Finally, it has been a pleasure serving through IRF over the last few years... and I look forward to welcoming many of you to this incredible country called Tanzania in November!

Best regards,

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## **Secretary's Report**

### **Election of IRF International Officers and Regional Representatives**

As I mentioned in the last edition of the newsletter, the next IRF World Congress membership meeting will be held on the final day of the World Ranger Congress VII in Tanzania. At this meeting, we will elect international officers (president, vice president, treasurer, and secretary) and the regional representatives who will lead the IRF for the next 4 years.

### **Nominations**

The call for nominations for positions on the executive committee closes on September 9. As soon as the election committee has compiled the list of nominees, it will be sent out to all member associations. If no nominations have been received for a position, the president will call for nominations during the World Congress membership meeting. If no nominations are received during the meeting, the office will be considered vacant.

### **Voting**

Only regular members are eligible to vote in the election. Each regular member is required to nominate a representative to attend the World Congress membership meeting in Tanzania to vote on its behalf. If no one will be attending the congress, a proxy may be nominated instead. I have sent out the representative nomination form to all regular member associations. Completed forms must be returned to me ([irfsec@yahoo.com.au](mailto:irfsec@yahoo.com.au)) by September 17.

## **Amendments to Statutes and Standing Rules and Motions**

During the World Congress membership meeting, we will also vote on any proposed changes to the statutes and standing rules, as well as any motions proposed by member associations. All member associations have received requests to submit proposed amendments and motions to the secretary.

## **Member Reports**

I have also contacted all associations for reports about their activities over the past 3 years. These reports are also due by September 17 and will be presented during the World Congress membership meeting.

## **New Members**

Since the last newsletter, the South Australian Ranger Association's (SARA's) application for regular membership in the IRF has been accepted by the executive committee. Welcome SARA to the world family of rangers.

Elaine Thomas

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## **Treasurer's Report – 2nd Trimester 2012**

### **Current State of IRF Accounts**

1. The balance carried forward of the current account #70448842 was £752.97 pounds, as of May 29, 2012. This account has been primarily used to pay the DOOR4 expenditure related to maintenance of our Internet domain name.
2. The balance carried forward in the high interest account #70360856 was £940.46 pounds, as of July 11, 2012. In this account, every three months, we received £0.12 interest and so far had no other use.
3. The Dependant's Fund Account #70823333 was closed, because all the money was transferred to The Thin Green Line Foundation.
4. The balance carried forward in the U.S. account #63094555 was \$2,883.92, as of April 3, 2012. This account was used for payment of Wayne Lotter's travel expenses to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization roundtable meeting in Kinshasa. The lack of information related to the statement sheet had not yet been resolved.

### **Outstanding Items**

At the time of this report, the IRF's International Executive Committee (IEC) voting about the IRF Trust, while discussing the debt of the IRF Trust to the IRF, in the amount of £9.000.00, too. This issue was reported in the previous Treasurer's Report.

1. Before the next Congress the IEC has to decide the situation of the claimed amount owed to Ex-President David Zeller, in amount of £7.959,00 pounds. This issue was also in the previous Treasurer's Report.
2. The IEC approved the development and production of an IRF poster, which cost £822.00, to present at the IUCN World Conservation Congress, in Korea.
3. The IEC approved the new IRF website host and domain name registration. This will cost £87.00 a year, less than the current £196.00 a year.

*Reported from Portugal, August 16, 2012*

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## **Executive Officer's Report**

The past few months have been very busy. I have made significant progress on a number of projects, including the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Young Conservationist Award, this year's World Ranger Day, the IRF's poster about ranger training for the IUCN World Conservation Congress, the IRF website redevelopment, and the Rangers without Borders projects. In this report, I will focus on the website and the Rangers without Borders programs.

## Website

By the time you read this newsletter, the IRF will have launched [www.InternationalRangers.org](http://www.InternationalRangers.org)—our new website. This is the culmination of over 12 months of work by the web team and several years of discussions by the International Executive Committee (IEC) and others.

The new website is flexible and dynamic and can grow and change as the IRF grows and changes. So, what you see today should be considered as the beginning. We have more ideas of how to use it and what to include—things we wanted to include for the launch but were unable to for a number of reasons. In particular, we will be working on Spanish and then French versions of the website. (At the moment, the website uses the Google translation tool.)

In addition, we launched an official IRF Facebook page—[www.facebook.com/InternationalRangerFederation](http://www.facebook.com/InternationalRangerFederation)—on July 31 to coincide with this year’s World Ranger Day. Have you checked it out and “liked” it?

I’d like to give a big “Thank You” to the web team: Lucas Habib (Canada), David Burns (Australia), Niall Loblely (Canada ex-Scotland) and Chris Smith (United States) for all their work to get us to this stage. I look forward to building upon the work done and ensuring that the IRF website meets the needs of rangers and ranger associations. In addition, thank you to all the people and organizations that sponsored the redevelopment of the website—they know who they are!

## Rangers Without Borders

Jay Wells and I presented a proposal to the IEC about the IRF’s Rangers without Borders program. This proposal has been accepted, and we are working on implementation. We will be presenting a session at the World Ranger Congress to update delegates about the program and to provide them with the opportunity to share and discuss ideas on how to make the program a success. We will be looking for volunteers at that time.

## Editor’s Report

Please continue to send articles and photographs for **The Thin Green Line** to both the IRF at [IRFmailings@gmail.com](mailto:IRFmailings@gmail.com) and me at [dmdierkes@verizon.net](mailto:dmdierkes@verizon.net). In addition, please mark your calendars with the following upcoming submission due dates:

- November 12, 2012
- February 12, 2013
- May 12, 2013
- August 12, 2013
- November 12, 2013

Thanks again to CJ Wilson, our new assistant editor for **The Thin Green Line**. She assisted with this quarter’s newsletter.

Happy trails,

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## **REGIONAL REPORTS**

### **European Regional Representative Report**

In the last newsletter, Roger Cole reported that approximately 30 rangers from 8 European countries participated in a meeting of European rangers in the Czech Republic. This summer, the EUROPARC Federation facilitated Junior Ranger programs, which were led and organized by European rangers in several countries. The Croatian Rangers Association was officially accepted as a member of IRF. We hope that they will be attending the World Ranger Congress for the official signing of documents and to begin their networking through direct contact with members of the IRF.

Working with our team of representatives from several European ranger associations, we have contacted a number of rangers and hope to have over 20 European rangers at the World Ranger Congress in Tanzania this November.

See you in Africa.

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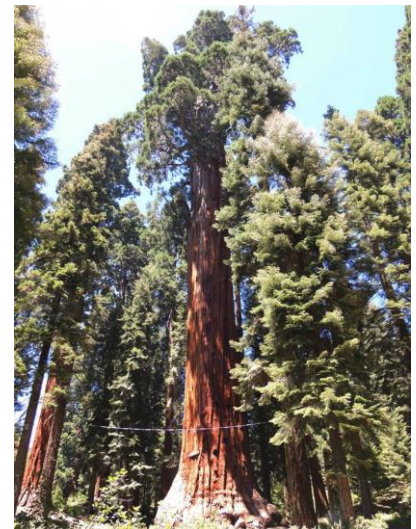
### **North American Regional Representative Report (USA)**

Not much to report...I visited Tulare County's Balch Park in California this summer. They named the "Giant of Balch Park" (a sequoia redwood) in honor of Allen I. Russell, the park's ranger from 1962-1990. Now, that's an honor!

I hope to see everyone in Tanzania.

Semper presidium,

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Allen I. Russell Tree

## **COMMITTEES & STAFF**

### **World Ranger Day**

As you all know, World Ranger Day is one way we commemorate the many rangers that lose their lives in the line of duty and the day we celebrate the work we do to protect the world's natural and cultural treasures. This year, we learned of the deaths of 69 rangers in 16 countries in the 12 months since World Ranger Day 2011. Unfortunately, this is by no means everyone, as we are sure many deaths go unreported. Thank you to Roger Cole (UK), Jeff Ohlfs (USA), and Sean Willmore (Australia) for tracking the deaths of rangers at work. This helps ensure our ability to remember them on World Ranger Day.

Many associations celebrated World Ranger Day for the first time. Florina Crisan from the Romanian Rangers Association promoted the day in the national media and received hundreds of congratulatory messages. Rangers of the Piatra Craiului National Park and the Ecosophia Protected Area Association celebrated the day by presenting an award for the "Best Romanian Junior Ranger."



Many associations and parks continued their traditional celebrations. Rangers from the Democratic Republic of Congo paused to remember many rangers, who have lost their lives in the line of duty, from that country. Associação Portuguesa de Guardas e Vigilantes da Natureza and the Uganda Wildlife Authority remembered their fallen colleagues. The Queensland Rangers Association, the Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust of New Zealand, and the rangers of Rocky Mountain National Park all staged events to mark the day.

World Ranger Day is increasingly being recognized by conservation organizations around the world. The World Wildlife Fund in the U.S. and China celebrated, as did the Caribbean Marine Protected Areas Network. The International Union for Conservation of Nature posted an article on their website to raise awareness of the day and the issues faced by rangers.

This year's World Ranger Day coincided with the International Ranger Federation's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary and, to celebrate, we launched an official Facebook page. David Burns (Australia) worked hard to set up the page and make sure we had lots of posts. Thanks David. Check it out, "like" us, and encourage others to "like" us. The IRF will use the page to keep you up-to-date with happenings in the world of rangers.

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## **ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### **Association of National Park Rangers (U.S.A.)**

#### **ANPR Plans to Host Rangers to attend Tanzania World Ranger Congress**

The Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) has contacted all of its members planning to attend the Tanzania Congress to suggest each make a generous donation to help support rangers from other countries to attend the same event. In the past, ANPR has been successful in providing sponsorships for rangers from Latin America to attend World Ranger Congresses.

Those of us from around the world who are fortunate enough to be able to attend such an important congress should be able to assist others who may not have the opportunity. I will report the success of fundraising efforts, including names, in the next newsletter.

#### **ANPR Presentation in Tanzania on 8th World Ranger Congress in North America**

In Tanzania, ANPR President Stacy Allen will present an overview of plans for World Ranger Congress VIII, which will be held in the United States in 2016. Possible dates and locations will be discussed, and participants will have an opportunity to ask questions and meet with the next congress planners. Anyone interested in volunteering to help plan the event will be welcome to meet with ANPR members after the session.

#### **Annual Ranger Rendezvous to be held in Southern California**

ANPR's signature annual Ranger Rendezvous will be held this year at Indian Wells, California, in the southern California desert near Palm Springs. This is the 35<sup>th</sup> annual conference for the organization. The theme of this year's rendezvous will be "Enhancing the Green and Grey." (This is a reference to the U.S. ranger uniform of green pants and a grey shirt). Professional training courses will be held in conjunction with the meeting, including "Technical Rescue" and "Performance-based Coaching." As always, ANPR invites and welcomes rangers from other countries to attend the rendezvous. For further information or to register, please visit the ANPR website at [www.anpr.org](http://www.anpr.org).

Travel well.

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## Countryside Management Association (England/Wales)



In the build-up to World Ranger Day on August 31, park rangers at Langdon Hills Country Park (Thurrock, Essex) ran events and gave talks to community groups in order to help raise funds for The Thin Green Line Foundation (TGLF). Over \$600 was raised by Nick Stanley and his team. The adjacent photo shows Nick handing a check for this amount to Roger Cole, international advisor to the Countryside Management Association, who received it on behalf of IRF/TGLF. Thurrock Council Ranger Sarah Jiggins and Ranger Matt McGettigan are featured in the photo, too.

The current recession in UK is resulting in some councils reducing the levels of service to the parks within their ownership, and some have also made a number of the rangers redundant. However, in a recent report, it was shown that access to parks and open spaces significantly improved people's "happiness and feeling of well-being," so it is hoped that once we are through the recession, more of an investment will be made in parks/open spaces and in recruiting more staff to manage them.

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## SPECIAL REPORTS

### EUROPARC: 11<sup>th</sup> International Junior Ranger Camp (Brussels)

From July 21-28, the Junior Rangers of 12 European countries (Czech Republic, England, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Italy, Latvia, Netherlands, Scotland, Serbia, Slovenia, and Spain) met in the Triglav National Park (SL) for the EUROPARC International Camp 2012. The camp was organized for the first time in transboundary cooperation with the Prealpi Giulie Natural Park (IT) to celebrate 10 years of the EUROPARC Junior Ranger Programme together.

The group embarked upon an intense week of fantastic adventures to discover those two wonderful alpine parks, their culture and traditions, and to see how we can improve park signs, information panels, and boards along paths in protected areas. Hiking was obviously one of the main activities. In addition, we cleared a meadow, baked bread and biscuits, interviewed tourists, danced, wrote in diaries, and enjoyed our time together.





The camp was, as usual, a great opportunity for the accompanying rangers to meet, share their experiences, and discuss with their colleagues how to improve the Junior Ranger Programme in the future.

If you want further information about the Junior Ranger Programme in Europe and to see lots of nice pictures of our camps, follow us on [Facebook](#) at the following address: [www.facebook.com/pages/Europarc-Junior-Ranger-Programme/266313873379549?ref=hl](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Europarc-Junior-Ranger-Programme/266313873379549?ref=hl).

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Junior Ranger Programme Coordinator

## **LONDON 2012 - An Olympic Legacy for a Country Park (England)**



*Roger Cole volunteering at the Olympics*

As the former park manager of Lee Valley Park, the arrival of the Olympics was an opportunity I couldn't miss. So, in 2010, I signed up as an Olympic volunteer and asked to be assigned to the White Water Canoe Centre. In July 2012, dressed in my Olympic uniform, I returned to Lee Valley Park to help manage the 15,000 visitors that were arriving daily to watch Olympic canoeing. It was a brilliant experience made all the more memorable by Team Great Britain winning gold and bronze medals in the canoe slalom. But, more important is the legacy that will be left behind after the Olympics. By making investment contributions as the facility was being built, the park will be left with a center that will provide both canoe training for athletes of the future and a fun-filled "rafting adventure" for visitors to experience thrills as they plunge down the course.

Roger Cole  
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## **The Thin Green Line Foundation**

As I write this, park rangers and conservation workers around the world continue to carry out their difficult mission to protect nature. Sadly, many are still injured or killed in the line of duty. Just last week, 11 staff and family were killed in Kazakhstan, stabbed to death, and rangers in eastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) continue to suffer from aggressive militia. Others suffer from the quieter tragedy of neglect, poor wages, working conditions, corrupt governments, and corporations.

Thankfully The Thin Green Line Foundation (TGLF), together with IRF and our growing list of supporters, is increasing its capacity to help. It is never enough, but step-by-step we are making progress. In the past year, TGLF supported widows and children of rangers with \$1,000 to each family:

- Chile: Héctor Bernardo Elgueta Escalona
- Colombia: Luis Alex Trujillio Yucuna, who stepped on a landmine
- Colombia: Jamie Oscar Giron Porilla
- Peru: Marcus Arenas
- Zambia: Esnart Paundi, killed by poachers (Four children will have support for their education - \$4,000 allocated)

The TGLF continues to raise for funds for families and proactive programs that support rangers in the field.

- DRC: \$5,000 emergency money to rangers under heavy fire in conflict zones in eastern DRC, for medical supplies and rations packs
- Tanzania: \$2,500 for house replacement for two rangers, whose houses were burned down by poachers in Chingori NP - Thanks for the help of Australia's Protected Area Workers Association (New South Wales), PAMS Foundation (Tanzania), and TGLF supporters.
- Cambodia: through an anonymous donor, continued to support Thon Soukhon with a supplement of \$100 per month for 6 months, above his \$30 per month salary
- World Ranger Congress: Through TGLF funds and a generous donation from Kristen Appel (Australia), several rangers from Africa, India, Cambodia, and Latin America will be able to attend the congress - \$20,000.

Since our start, TGLF has given close to \$150,000 to support rangers and their families. My hope is that we increase this tenfold in coming years.

We need your help to help our colleagues. Please let us know about any valid cases that may need support, and let us work together to improve the working conditions for rangers and support our mission to protect both nature and each other. "Let's Protect the Protectors of Nature."

Kind regards,

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## **CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

September 6-15, 2012	2012 World Conservation Congress, International Convention Center, Jeju, Republic of Korea <a href="http://iccjeju.cafe24.com/eng/">http://iccjeju.cafe24.com/eng/</a> <a href="http://www.iucn.org/2012_congress/">http://www.iucn.org/2012_congress/</a>
October 8-November 30, 2012	8th Regional Course for Latin American Park Rangers <a href="http://www.capacitacionapn.gob.ar">www.capacitacionapn.gob.ar</a>
October 28-November 1, 2012	ANPR Ranger Rendezvous, Miramonte Resort & Spa at Indians Wells, California, USA ( <a href="http://www.miramonteresort.com">www.miramonteresort.com</a> ) - Sponsored by the Association of National Park Rangers. <a href="http://www.anpr.org/">www.anpr.org/</a>
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. <a href="http://www.pamsfoundation.org/world-rangers-congress">www.pamsfoundation.org/world-rangers-congress</a> <a href="mailto:TanzaniaWRC@gmail.com">TanzaniaWRC@gmail.com</a>
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. <a href="http://www.interpnet.com/">www.interpnet.com/</a>

## 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.

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