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OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Report

Dear IRF Friends and Colleagues:

This quarter, my IRF work has been primarily supporting work groups by participating in Skype calls, reviewing and responding to drafts, and providing guidance where needed. We have several active groups that share the work of IRF beyond your elected members of the International Executive Committee (IEC). That is good news for IRF and sure keeps me busy! Sometimes, the results of all this work are not very visible, but in this issue of **The Thin Green Line**, you'll see results in the World Ranger Day (WRD) report. All the preparation done for that day is paying off in increased activities and more ideas for all of you to try next year - the 20th anniversary of IRF. Other groups that have worked for IRF this quarter include the World Ranger Congress Steering Committee, the Tanzania Congress Organizing Committee, Web Site Committee, and the Rangers Without Borders Committee. Thank you to all.

We are looking ahead to the International Union for Conservation of Nature's (IUCN's) World Conservation Congress (WCC) in 2012 and the World Parks Congress in 2014. The Executive Committee has been discussing how IRF can be most effective in those huge forums. Funding remains a challenge, so for now we are dependent on our members who will be attending by their own means. In preparation for the WCC, IUCN is holding a series of regional meetings. Executive Officer Elaine Thomas will be attending the Oceania meeting in August, and I will be attending the USA meeting in September.

In recognition of our partnership with IUCN's World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN/WCPA), IRF is now part of the portfolio of Deputy Director Dr. Ernesto Enkerlin Hoeflich (Mexico). I was fortunate to meet him while at the International Young Conservationist Award ceremony in March. We are now working together on the final version of a shared protocol for the award.

IRF was given a nice opportunity this quarter when EUROPARC asked for a written interview about IRF for an article in their annual journal, *Protected Areas In-Sight*. Past issues may be viewed at: <http://www.europarc.org/library/europarc-publication/protected-areas-in-s5/>.

Ranger Recognition and Remembrances

We commemorate the following rangers, who were attacked and killed in the months since the last issue of **The Thin Green Line**:

July 29 – Rangers Imanirafasha Seminane and Nzabonimpa Bahamwite of the Democratic Republic of Congo

Letters from IRF, on behalf of all IRF members, will be sent to the families when we are able to obtain contact information for them. Please keep these rangers and their families in your thoughts. If you know of a ranger death, please send an e-mail to me (IRFdeanne@aol.com) and to Sean Willmore (sean@thingreenline.info). Any information you have on a ranger's death and contact information is appreciated by IRF and the TGLF.

Best Wishes,
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Vice President's Report

The International Union for Conservation of Nature's World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN/WCPA) has suggested involvement in two activities at the World Ranger Congress (WRC) VII, to be held in Tanzania from November 4-9, 2012. The main activity will be the launch of a ranger-oriented training syllabus.

Most training courses and materials for protected area professionals are aimed at managers and senior staff. In many countries, rangers are likely not to have reached a high enough level of schooling to be eligible for further training. The IRF and the IUCN/WCPA will be developing online training materials, also available on CD, specifically aimed at rangers and covering a wide range of practical issues and background information to allow career development. We hope to launch the modules at the WRC next year.

The second activity relates to the launch of a Ranger Blog on protectedplanet.net. (This idea needs further development.)

An IRF task team has been formed to work with IUCN/WCPA to further develop these ideas and make the proposed launches a reality. I hope to report on progress in this regard and on the activities by our task team members in future editions of **The Thin Green Line**.

Please check out the call to register for the WRC VII located in this newsletter. Early bird registration ends on October 31, 2011. Sufficient timely registration is required in order to help pay the deposit to secure the venue reserved for this important meeting.

Unfortunately, there has not been a response to the follow-up letter sent by our president to the director of the World Heritage Centre, Mr Francesco 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 the agreements reached. In addition, it urged action on the IRF's main recommendations as communicated at the meeting.

The “Rangers Without Borders” (RWB) project will now be co-led by Jay Wells (USA) and Elaine Thomas (Australia) following the withdrawal from this role by Juan Carlos Gambarotta a few months ago due to work pressures. We wish them and the RWB team strength and best wishes and look forward to supporting them to develop this long-mooted and popular idea to fruition.

Best Wishes and Regards from Tanzania,

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Secretary’s/Executive Officer’s Report

It has been 12 months since I started in the role of executive officer (EO) for the IRF, and what an interesting 12 months it has been!

Some of the key focuses of the past 12 months have been to establish the EO position, to set up the IRF so that it can achieve its goals, and to get started on some projects. With respect to the EO position, a set of guiding principles for the position and a work plan were prepared and agreed on by the IEC. Working groups were often established to assist the IRF in achieving its goals; this year, a number of new groups were set up. I assisted with this process and participated in the work of a number of these groups. Two of the key projects that I was involved in starting included the redevelopment of the IRF website and Rangers Without Borders (RWB). I have been working with the new team leader for the RWB project to research and draft options. It is an exciting project but has its fair share of challenges that will need to be worked through. It will require help from many of you to be successful, so stay tuned.

As well as interesting, the job has also been challenging. At times I have struggled to get the balance right between the time spent on my ranger job and that spent on my IRF job, particularly in the busy summer months. In addition, I have found that things take a lot longer to complete than I think they will. But, this should not really be a surprise given that everything the IRF does it does through e-mail, across different time zones, and different seasons, by volunteers who speak different languages.

I have prepared an annual report outlining in detail what has been accomplished in the past 12 months; this report is currently with the IEC. Deanne and I have discussed the contents of the report with Ian Christie of Parks Victoria, and he is happy with the progress we are making and what we have achieved to date. I have also briefed Bill Jackson, Parks Victoria’s chief executive. If you would like to see my report, please contact me, and I will e-mail a copy to you.

As you may recall from my report in the last edition of **The Thin Green Line**, I spent some time with Deanne in May/June working on IRF projects/business. Our time together was very productive. We were able to decide on the priorities for the *next* 12 months and either start work or continue to work on some of them. I returned home with a renewed sense of purpose.

The next 12 months will be busy, and we should see significant progress on a number of existing projects. In particular, we’d like to have the new website up and running by the end of the year, as well as to have a concrete outline of the RWB proposal and be working towards implementing something on the ground.

One of the most exciting tasks is and will be working towards United Nations recognition of World Ranger Day (WRD). The IRF’s 20th anniversary will be in 2012. Wouldn’t it be fantastic if this could happen in time for WRD 2012?

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Editor's Report

Please mark your calendars with the following upcoming due dates for submissions to **The Thin Green Line**:

November 12, 2011

February 12, 2012

May 12, 2012

August 12, 2012

November 12, 2012

We can learn so much from each other by sharing our successes, failures, goals, and experiences.

Happy Trails,

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REGIONAL REPORTS

North American Regional Representative Report

I hope everyone is having a safe summer. This quarter, I made contact with Pennsylvania and Iowa park ranger associations and the West Virginia State Park Superintendents Association. I spent some time visiting Washington and Alaskan state park rangers. I helped one ranger from India with his U.S. trip.

Here are a couple of reminders. The Association of National Park Rangers' upcoming annual conference, the Ranger Rendezvous, will be held from October 10-15, 2011, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Put on your calendars the California Parks Conference from March 5-9, 2012, in Agoura Hills, California.

The California State Parks are fighting for their budget life with an estimated 70 parks to be closed next year. Many grassroots efforts are working to reverse the impacts to the state parks. I know other states are having similar problems. This is a tough time, and I encourage everyone to support their parks!

It was good to see World Ranger Day catching on. For example, Anza Borrego Desert State Park and Joshua Tree National Park held events.

Semper Presidium,

Jeff Ohlfs

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Oceania Regional Representative Report

The past few months have certainly been busy, particularly with World Ranger Day (WRD) 2011 in the mix. I am very excited that the International Union for Conservation of Nature's World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN/WCPA) Training Task Force is turning its attention to the staff on the ground, rangers, and that IRF is to have an active voice in that work. A coordinated approach to training and capacity-building is welcome. We have also spent some time discussing IRF involvement and linkages with the IUCN in general and specifically at international forums as the World Ranger Congress (WRC) 2012 and the World Parks Congress (2014). These discussions remind us that rangers truly are the front-line of conservation – in protected areas and in other conservation lands, working with the community in their roles as rangers, and often in their private lives as well. This is a message we constantly need to reinforce in the broader conservation community.

Most recently, I was fortunate to participate in the Protected Area Workers Association (PAWA)-hosted annual meeting of the Council of Australian Ranger Associations. What a fantastic networking opportunity to spend three days with my fellow colleagues from the Australian states of New South Wales (NSW), Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia, Northern Territory, and Queensland! It was heartening to know that the Tasmanian Ranger Association has been reinvigorated (great work guys!) and that the South Australian Ranger Association is also working hard to get going again (fantastic!). Something of concern on the other hand was the atmosphere of a gradual loss of the “ranger” identity, coming at us from a few different directions. It just goes to show that no matter where we work, one can never be complacent. Other positive news included hearing that at least two Australian associations would be sponsoring some members and also others from the international community to attend the WRC in Tanzania next year. The WRC is not much more than a year away, so now is definitely the time to start thinking about sponsorships. PAWA had also organized Sean Willmore, founder of The Thin Green Line Foundation and dedicated friend to rangers across the world, to come along as keynote speaker. He was an inspiration, as always.

And now on to WRD in Oceania:

- The Yellow-eyed Penguin Trust (New Zealand) invited supporters to experience a day in the life of Ranger Leith Thomson. The event attracted 40 people who got involved in planting trees, looking for penguin footprints, and learning how transponders are used to identify penguins.
- Thirty-nine people participated in the Auckland Council’s (New Zealand) planting of 300 native trees, followed by either a stroll through Totara Park (amongst the cattle, through the bush, and past the adventure playgrounds) or a mountain bike ride (covered in mud and smiles), and some presentations after morning tea. Participants include council staff, contractors, and Friends of Maungawhau. In addition, the group attempted to have candles burning (in the wind) in memory of rangers who have lost their lives and raised funds for The Thin Green Line Foundation.
- In Canterbury (New Zealand), approximately 14 people assisted with the development of a new Kiwi breeding aviary at Orana Wildlife Park, installing netting on a new Kiwi enclosure, and taking a tour through the new Kea Aviary. Unfortunately, a major fire (136 ha/336 acres) in the Waimakiriri Gorge demanded the attention of many park ranger staff, who were unable to attend the event.
- The Queensland Ranger Association (Australia) held an event, including dinner, speeches, raffles, and a screening of *The Thin Green Line* in Atherton, with 50 people in attendance. There was great support from the local community, who donated all prizes and provided the venue free of charge. Other fundraising events were held in Daisy Hill, Cairns, Rockhampton, Rainbow Beach, and Brisbane City.
- The highlight for the PAWA (NSW, Australia) was a slide night held at Blackheath. More than 80 people came along for raffles, a light supper, and to hear three great guest speakers – Joan Domical, Gary McCue, and Ian Brown. Read more about this and other PAWA activities in the association’s report in this newsletter.
- The Victorian Rangers Association (Australia) celebrated WRD by participating in The Thin Green Line Foundation’s dinner and music event at Abbotsford Convent. It was a great night and, as always, a very emotional event.
- In the Northern Territory (Australia), approximately 25 visitors camped at Wangi Falls, and Litchfield National Park gave a slide show from an array of archived photos of rangers who have worked in the park over the years. The rangers of the park then joined together for a celebratory barbecue and viewing of *The Thin Green Line* on the big screen under the stars. They were blown away by the dedication and commitment of rangers around the world, making them feel very proud to be part of such a wonderful family. Twenty visitors to Ormiston Gorge, West Macdonnell National Park, shared a slide show and screening of *The Thin Green Line* and a question and answer session about issues that affect the park and parallels with overseas examples such as those seen in the documentary.

The Northern Territory rangers also discovered that from next year they will be formally recognized through WRD awards, in categories which will include Best New Ranger, Ministers Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Environment, Lifetime Achievement Award, Best Ranger from each of the districts, and Ranger of the Year. The awards are just one way the Parks & Wildlife Minister will show how proud he is of the positive outcomes achieved by the territory’s 136 rangers, 400 community-based Indigenous land and sea rangers, and over 80 junior rangers in schools.

Many of the events around Oceania attracted media coverage and featured use of the IRF In Memoriam map depicting rangers who have lost their lives in the past 12 months, including The Unknown Ranger. I am really proud of the efforts made in Oceania to recognize WRD and can only hope that 2012, which will also be the 20th Anniversary of the IRF, will be bigger and better and include some of the other nations in our region.

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COMMITTEES & STAFF

World Ranger Congress VII Update

Please be reminded that early bird registration and payment closes on October 31, 2011, so don't forget to register soon to avoid disappointment! For details: <http://www.pamsfoundation.org/world-rangers-congress>.

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World Ranger Day 2011



Playing ranger for a day on WRD,
Anza-Borrego Desert State Park,
California, USA

The fifth annual World Ranger Day (WRD) was held on July 31, 2011, and if the number and popularity of events are anything to go by, it appears awareness is growing in the global community about the important work that rangers do and the sacrifices they make in protecting the world's natural and cultural treasures. Events both large and small were held to mark the day in countries on five continents. Sixty-one rangers who had been killed in the line-of-duty in the past 12 months were commemorated as part of the activities.

HIGHLIGHTS

Democratic Republic of Congo: The Democratic Republic of Congo typified the spirit of the day. Radu Dumitraşcu reported that 78-year-old Ranger Ngoy Lokomba gave a presentation about his work in the Upemba National Park. A ranger since 1965, Ngoy told the story of the park, from its peak as a wildlife reserve to its decline due to poaching sanctioned by corrupt regimes. Between 1982 and 2006, rangers were not paid. Ngoy pointed out that "Rangers need to receive their salaries...then they will protect the animals." [See *Ngoyon* YouTube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7mebqqsAwc>.]

Ohio, United States of America (USA): Hands-on activities were the order of the day at Perry's Victory and International Peace Memorial in Ohio, USA. Samuel Fisher said that demonstrations of firefighting techniques and backcountry survival gave younger visitors the chance to dress up in protective gear and imagine what it would be like to be a ranger. After nightfall, candles were lit in remembrance of the fallen rangers.

Colorado, USA: It was standing room only in the park visitor auditorium at Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado, USA, where Kathy Brazelton Brown reported that 211 people crammed in to watch *Green Fire*, a documentary film on Conservationist and Biologist Aldo Leopold. Adding solemnity to the day was a reading of the Ranger Roll of Honour and a moment of silence.

The Ranger Roll of Honour: According to Nicola Pilonetta from Volontari d'Europa, Italy, the Ranger Roll of Honour was also read at their celebrations, while the England/Wales Countryside Management Association's magazine *Ranger* featured a center-page spread of the Ranger Roll of Honour.

The Thin Green Line: The work of rangers in 19 countries on 6 continents was on display in screenings of *The Thin Green Line*. The documentary film was a feature of WRD activities across Australia, the United Kingdom, and in Brazil.

Fundraising for The Thin Green Line Foundation – the organization supporting the families of park rangers killed or injured on the frontline of conservation throughout the world – took place at a number of WRD events, including dinners in Far North Queensland and Victoria in Australia, as well as at a glow worm spotting evening at Langdon Hills Country Park in England.

Local Media Coverage: Tünde Ludnai from Kiskunság National Park, Hungary, said their WRD activities were featured in a short program on local television.

In Para, Brazil, Osvaldo Barassi informed us that the WRD message was broadcast on local television, too.

Meanwhile, the Caribbean Marine Protected Areas Management Network and Forum sent out a press release for WRD profiling the head warden of the Moliniere-Beausejour Marine Protected Area, CJ Jeffrey.

Other WRD Celebrations: Too numerous to mention here were the many other events held by ranger associations in other countries including Australia, New Zealand, Peru, Switzerland, the UK, and the USA.

The word about WRD is spreading with many more ranger associations around the world keen on getting involved each year. Growing awareness of the day should help us in our efforts to have WRD officially sanctioned by the United Nations on its list of international observances. This is something we are working towards for 2012 – the IRF's 20th Anniversary.



Rangers Nick Stanley & Matt McGettigan presenting Roger Cole from the International Ranger Federation with a check for The Thin Green Line Foundation at Langdon Hills Country Park in England.

We can do nothing to bring back the fallen rangers, but we can honor their memory and ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten.

World Ranger Day 2011



Volontari d'Europa

Submitted by Anthony Thomas
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ASSOCIATION REPORTS

Association of National Park Rangers (ANPR) (United States)

U.S. NPS and IUCN Form Partnership

The National Park Service (NPS) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) have established a partnership to help support world parks and protected areas. ANPR member and current NPS Director Jon Jarvis is sending David Reynolds, the NPS' Northeast Region Chief of Natural Resources and Science on a 40-month project with IUCN to help develop globally-recognized professional standards for park rangers, managers, and park system executives. Reynolds will conduct his work from Medford, N.J., with occasional travel to parks and protected areas and training centers around the world.

ANPR will meet with David Reynolds in the coming weeks to offer its assistance in developing standards, in coordination with previous work done by the IRF on ranger professionalism. For further information, visit <http://home.nps.gov/applications/digest/npsnews.cfm>.

Over the next few years, the relevance of protected areas will be a significant subject of discussion through IUCN's World Conservation Congress in 2012, the IUCN World Parks Congress in 2014, and at upcoming Convention on Biological Diversity events.

Annual Ranger Rendezvous Scheduled

ANPR's annual ranger gathering will meet for the 34th Ranger Rendezvous this year in historic Williamsburg, Virginia. The dates are October 10-15, 2011. The year 2011 is the start of the 150th Anniversary of the American Civil War. Numerous national parks and battlefields will commemorate the war, so there will be an opportunity to build on this theme for the conference.

As always, we invite our international ranger friends to join us if they are planning a trip to the U.S. during October. More information on the agenda is available on the ANPR website at www.anpr.org.

Travel well,

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Countryside Management Association (England/Wales)

In July, two Junior Ranger groups from England – the Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the Mendip Hills AONB – attended the 2011 EUROPARC Junior Ranger Camp. This was the 10th such camp and was held this year at the Weerribben-Wieden National Park in Holland. A total of 50 participants from 13 European protected areas and 10 different countries were represented at the camp, which was entitled "Junior Rangers and Nature."

During the camp, participants learned about the Weerribben-Wieden National Park and visited two other Dutch National Parks. The other parks included Schiermonnikoog, an offshore island, and the Drents-Friese Wold National Park. Participants explored the parks by foot, bicycle, and canoe while learning about habitats and the management. They also had the opportunity to talk to other participants about their national parks and protected landscapes.

Iain Robson, assistant officer at the Northumberland Coast AONB who accompanied the young rangers on their trip said:

Our hosts organized an interesting and full program of activities. Exploring the parks by boat and canoe was a great way to see the wildlife and minimize our impact. We helped the park rangers construct a new boardwalk, which was opened at the end of the camp, through the reedbeds. It was a great experience for the young rangers and they have learned a lot about how other European Junior Rangers Programs work.

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German Ranger Association

At the end of March, approximately 85 rangers met in St. Peter Ording for a three-day conference in Northern Germany's National Park Wadden Sea. They came from German nature reserves and friendly associations from Austria, Switzerland, and the Czech Republic. The German Ranger Association (Bundesverband Naturwacht), which represents the interests of German rangers, hosted the meeting. The federation is a network of full-time rangers in Germany and provides quality education and professional experiences with its annual meetings.

The rangers were celebrating the 20th anniversary of the ranger association. The venue, a former training camp for former German Democratic Republic (East German) Olympians, has been updated to an excellent complex situated in a beautiful landscape of forests and lakes in North East Germany. The conference opened with an address by the Brandenburg minister of environment followed by a talk by Gordon Miller, IRF, on the development of ranger services in Europe and the need to work together and support each other. A letter of congratulations from IRF President Deanne Adams was presented and will be translated and published in the next bulletin of Bundesverband Naturwacht. The comprehensive series of presentations throughout the day by academics and rangers ranged from topics as diverse as opportunities for nature tourism, current research in parks, and training and education for rangers about the implications of climate change on protected areas.

Numerous presentations and a one-day excursion made the rangers more familiar with the Wadden Sea habitat. On the second day, rangers explained the practical work at the park – including counting birds, checking the drift line, and operating an environmental education program – a wide range of responsibility. The last day was marked by the ordinary general meeting of the association, in which the members of the old board were re-elected for another three years.

There was great interest in the work of IRF, and rangers were encouraged to start saving for the next World Congress in Tanzania in 2012. However, German rangers, like many in Europe, are suffering from the effects of the financial crisis.

German Ranger Association meetings always take place in different protected areas in Germany. The next meeting will be held from March 28-30, 2012, in the nature park Rothaargebirge. This mountain chain is located in western central Germany in the nature region Sauerland. Guests are welcome. For further information on the German Ranger Association, visit www.bundesverband-naturwacht.de. Unfortunately, the website is only written in German.

Note: This report is a combined article from two members.

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Protected Area Workers Association (New South Wales, Australia)

The Protected Area Workers Association (PAWA) recently had the honor of hosting the annual gathering of the Council of Australian Ranger Associations (CARA), at which time we proudly and confidently handed over the role of CARA facilitator to the newly invigorated Tasmanian Ranger Association! The PAWA Annual General Meeting was also held over the weekend, followed by a field trip to explore some of the mining heritage of the region now conserved within the Illawarra Escarpment State Conservation Area – specifically the great Mt. Kembla mining disaster of July 31, 1902.

Prior to this gathering, World Ranger Day kept us busy. In celebration of the event, PAWA provided an information package for *Discovery* rangers to use when mentioning the day. *Discovery* is the New South Wales (NSW) National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) program of guided walks, talks and tours. PAWA also incorporated a small display at a northern Sydney visitor center and a community festival in Mt. Kembla, worked with the NPWS to develop a notice, which was sent to all staff, and gave a single presentation to a number of work locations via a teleconference. The main event, however, was a slide night held at Blackheath in the Blue Mountains.

More than 80 people attended the slide night with guest speakers, raffles, and a light supper. In addition to remembering our fallen colleagues and celebrating our parks and protected areas, the event raised enough money to support one family through The Thin Green Line Foundation. Guest speakers included:

- Joan Domicelj - Australian architect planner, mediator, and World Heritage advisor, sharing her first big experience of wild country in an expedition in the Atacama Desert, Argentina, in 1965
- Gary McCue – freelance trekking guide with an absolute passion for Tibet
- Ian Brown – ranger, field manager, and environmental consultant sharing a visit to Fiordland at the southern end of New Zealand

In other news, PAWA continues to receive donations as part of the Equip program, with large amounts of field shirts coming in after the NWS NPWS switched all of its field operations to long-sleeved high-visibility wear. Other items received include laptops, GPS units, boots, and first aid kits. The challenge of storing and distributing such items to our international colleagues continues to grow. PAWA would like to support the sharing of equipment collection/distribution amongst our international ranger community – learning from each other's challenges, failures, and wins. If you have had experiences in this area or would like to be included in such discussions, please contact pawa_nsw@hotmail.com.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August 26 -
September 5, 2011 | <i>World Police and Fire Games</i> , New York, USA. Expecting a total of 18,000 athletes from 70 countries around the world. Includes a memorial service for victims of the “9-11” attack on the Twin Towers to mark the 10 th anniversary of the event.
http://parkleadership.ucmerced.edu/
http://parkleadership.ucmerced.edu/docs/flyers/SeminarFlyer_10-10.pdf , http://www.2011wpfg.org |
| September 14-16,
2011 | <i>10th Europe's Wilderness Days</i> , the annual PAN Parks conference hosted by Soomaa National Park, Estonia
http://www.panparks.org/sites/default/files/upload/EWD_2011/invitation_EWD_2011.pdf |
| September 21-25,
2011 | <i>Annual EUROPARC Conference</i> , Swabian Alb Biosphere Reserve, Bad Urach, Germany, "Quality Counts - Benefits for Nature and People"
http://www.europarc2011.com/en/welcome.html
http://www.europarc.org/conference-2011/ |

- October 10-14, 2011 *Annual Professional Conference & Ranger Rendezvous*, Williamsburg, Virginia, USA. Sponsored by the Association of National Park Rangers.
<http://anpr.org/williamsburg-rr.htm>
- November 8-12, 2011 *National Interpreters Workshop*, St. Paul, Minnesota, USA. 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/conferences/index.shtml>
- March 5-9, 2012 *California Parks Specialized Training & Professional Development 2012*, held by California State Park Rangers Association and the 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
- July 31, 2012 *20th 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/
- October 28 – November 1, 2012 *Annual Professional Conference & Ranger Rendezvous*, Miramonte Resort & Spa (www.miramonteresort.com) at Indians Wells, California, USA. Sponsored by the Association of National Park Rangers.
<http://www.anpr.org/>
- November 4-9, 2012 *VII World Ranger Congress*, Ngurdoto Mountain Lodge in northern Tanzania, Eastern Africa. Organized by PAMS Foundation. Sponsored by the International Ranger Federation.
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<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/conferences/>

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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