



## **European Taxidermy Federation Newsletter September 2009**

Dear Friends,

Once again I am pleased to send you the European Taxidermy Federation Newsletter, to keep you up to date with what has happened within the ETF since our Annual General Meeting which took place in Westfalenhalle, Dortmund on February 7<sup>th</sup> 2009. I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this information to ensure that it has been received.

### **Update**

The AGM was attended by delegates from ten European countries, seven member countries and individual members from Norway, Iceland and the UK. The minutes from this meeting were posted to the contacts of the member countries. These minutes were also sent to the contacts of non member countries, to keep them updated with the hope that they may join the ETF. The day following the AGM, the coordinator of the competition group, Tom Larsen, held a meeting with Iginio Bressan, his interpreter, and members of the executive committee to set an agenda for the planning of the ETC 2010 in Longarone - more on this later.

It should be noted that the ETF Board members, Vagn Reitz, President; Leon Bouten Treasurer; and Duncan Ferguson, Secretary, have been in regular contact to deal with the issues that occur in the day to day running of the ETF. This communication has been both by telephone and by email. The Board has kept abreast of the developments with the forthcoming European Taxidermy Championships which will, once again, be held in Longarone, Italy, 26<sup>th</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010. The Board have been in consultation with the head of the Judging Committee, Tom Larsen, and with Iginio Bressan from ATI, the Italian Taxidermy Association, who is the main organiser of the competition.

The ETF Board are again delighted to be associated with the European Taxidermy Competition, and to have been able to help with the organisation of the judging and judging criteria.

### **Competition Committee**

A sub committee from the competition group created in Salzburg, 2008, was set up to look into the judging system, judges, and categories to be assessed following criticism of the judging at the WTC, 2009, as previously reported in the newsletter of December 2008. This committee, in conjunction with Iginio Bressan, has now agreed

a panel of judges, judging criteria, and categories to be judged. The ETF Board would like to thank all involved in this long and tortuous process for their perseverance and good work that has been put in to creating the judging model that we now have. We are sure that this system will work in Longarone. However, it is our intention to evaluate the system after the ETC 2010 and to use the experience to develop this concept for the ETC in the future.

### **Statutes Committee update.**

This committee was formed to try to simplify the statutes and to make them more understandable. The Statutes group and the EC are preparing the new statutes which should be ready for discussion by the end of November 2009. It is proposed that the new statutes will be available to the members by this time to allow the members time to absorb these new statutes and to prepare themselves for the final discussions before these new proposals are ratified at the general meeting in Longarone in April 2010.

### **Membership**

The membership stands at 8 member countries the member countries being – Denmark, Holland, Austria, Germany, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Italy and Belgium, and with several individual members from Great Britain, France, Norway, Malta, Iceland and Finland. All members are fully paid up, Leon Bouten – ETF Treasurer would like to thank the members for paying their contributions promptly.

### **And Finally**

For our next ETC competition we again travel to Longarone in Italy, a wonderful venue for this exciting event. The ETF Board would urge as many delegates as possible to attend, not only to enter the various competitions but to meet up with old friends and to make new friends. The brochure for the ETC 2010 is available from the ETF homepage at [www.eurotaxidermy.eu](http://www.eurotaxidermy.eu). The next General meeting will take place in Longarone on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010, 2.00 to 600pm. With that in mind, we look forward to meeting you all in April 2010.

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ETF Secretary