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# Newsletter

## SPOTLIGHT

### New Delegates

A warm welcome to the following representatives who have been appointed as delegates to the IFAA:

Bea Viviers (Namibia)

Sara Migliorelli (Italy)

Pierre Rayen (Belgium)

Jose Luis Martinez (Spain)

We are looking forward to working with you in promoting the IFAA disciplines in your country.

### IFAA Book of Rules 2017

The 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the IFAA Book of Rules (2017) is available on the IFAA web page for [download](#). 31 of 43 proposals submitted at the World Council meeting were accepted. Although all proposals were equally important, some brought significant changes to the rules such as the introduction of the **new Traditional Recurve Style**, acceptance of the **levelling device** in the Bowhunter Unlimited style, the new format for the **Champion of Nations Championships** to name but a few. Make sure you download the IFAA BOR (2017), effective from January 2018, to familiarise yourself with the amendments.

### SAFAC 2016

We wish Field Brasil a successful and safe [SAFAC 2016](#) which commences on the 11<sup>th</sup> of November in the city of Saguarema, Rio de Janeiro.

### National Tournaments

During November some of our new members will be hosting their first IFAA format national championships.

26<sup>th</sup>: Chile - [3D National Championships](#)

27<sup>th</sup>: Belgium - [Bowhunting Championships](#)

We congratulate Arqueros de Chile and the RBA with this important step in promoting IFAA and we wish them a successful and safe tournament.

The 2016 IFAA World Council Meeting held in Wagga Wagga, Australia commenced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September attended by representatives of 13 member countries and the IFAA Executive Council.

In his report to the World Council, the President of the IFAA reflected on the successes of the IFAA during the past 2 years i.e. the growth of IFAA from 20 to 45 member countries, improved relationships with World Archery, TAFISA membership and all our World and Regional tournaments being hosted under TAFISA patronage. The establishment and implementation of a defined instruction protocol that applies to all IFAA member associations.



The President emphasized that the interest in our tournaments has grown tremendously and attendance in many of our tournaments has doubled in size over the last few years. The interest in the World Mail Match is also improving every year and we have now over 500 archers enjoying the Indoor competition and the Outdoor Flint competition.

Notwithstanding all the successes, the IFAA President warns that the member associations needs to listen to the archers and consider their expectations. Modern designs and materials are not always covered in the Bylaws and the archery industry is not stagnant and like with every sport, sports equipment evolve. IFAA must prepare to be more open to changes in equipment.



**AUF WIEDERSEHEN Trudy Medwed.** We say good bye to a very special lady who served archery in Austria, the OBSV and the IFAA for more than 6 years. Her dedication and passion for the sport of archery and to promote the IFAA format in Austria is commendable. She will surely be missed. Thank you Trudy and we wish you and Borut a well deserving retirement!

While the WFAC 2016 in Australia might be over, the participating archers and organisers will not forget the unfortunate circumstances that cut the tournament to a 3 day event and what might have denied them a medal. Despite this we all had a wonderful time in Wagga Wagga and the ABA went out their way to make us "foreigners" feel welcome. Some statistics: 532 participants in 65 competing styles, 18 NEW World Field Records and 244 medals were awarded.



Of special note is that the NZFAA took away first place in the Champion of Nations Championships, beating the USA 2<sup>nd</sup> & Australia 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations to all the NEW World Champions! The results for the WFAC 2016 can be found [here](#).



Records show that the first EFAC was hosted in the county of Fife in Scotland in 1967. This means that the IFAA can celebrate "50 years EFAC" during the EFAC 2017. The DFBV will issue a commemorate badge to honour this special occasion.

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