

Wishing you and your family
a safe, happy and peaceful
festive season!



Office of the
IFAA Secretary

Newsletter

WHAT'S NEW

We congratulate the following members on their election as president of their respective archery associations.

OBSV (Austria) - Andreas Kolar, MSc

FFAA (Finland) - Olavi Pennanen

PFAA (Poland) - Marcin Eckert

WFAA (Wales) – Sandra Anderson

We wish you a successful office term.

Delegates

A warm welcome to the following representatives to the IFAA:

Andreas Kolar, MSc (Austria)

Jarkko Lehtinen (Finland)

Marcin Eckert (Poland)

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

EIAC 2016

The EIAC 2016 welcomed 173 archers from 13 member countries competing in 47 different shooting styles. A record breaking 33 European Indoor records were broken with 18 NEW Indoor World Records. The [Results](#) and [Records](#) are on the IFAA Web Page. In case you missed out on this amazing tournament, lots of videos can be viewed on the [IFAA Spain](#) Face Book page.

SAFAC / BFAC 2016

90 Archers from Brasil, Uruguay and Chile competed in the SAFAC/BFAC 2016 hosted by Field Brasil. The tournament was enjoyed by all the participants and despite the pouring rain the archers delivered brilliant scores with 48 NEW South American Field Records in 20 of the 22 competing shooting styles. Congratulations to all the new record holders and medal recipients. The [Results](#) and [Records](#) can be viewed on the IFAA Web Page. [Photos](#) of the event available on their Face Book page.

National Tournaments

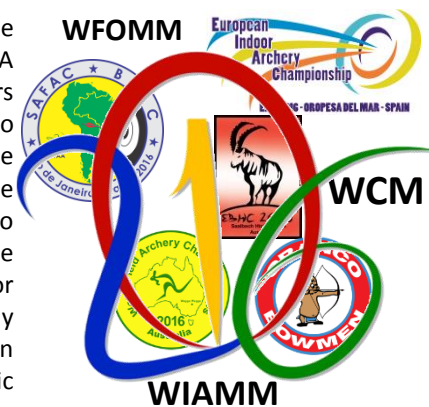
Arqueros de Chile hosted their first 3D National Championships on the 26th of November. We congratulate Chile with their first attempt and hope that this is only the beginning of many more IFAA format tournaments. [Results](#) and photos available on their Face Book page.

The end of a year is a good time to look back, reflecting on achievements, and to look forward, to see what we still need to accomplish.

In a sport organisation such as the IFAA, with over 50,000 field archers and 45 member countries from all continents, no one can ever see the entirety of our work. That's a pity, because what we are able to do in support of our archers is quite remarkable. We don't usually draw attention to the work of individuals - we work as a team. But in this message to you I want to look back at a few highlights where I have been especially proud to be part of the IFAA.

The highlight of the year, in my opinion, belongs to the EBHC 2016, taking nothing away from the other IFAA tournaments. The manner in which the organisers approached this tournament and their attention to detail is unprecedented. The use of social media made you feel part of the event even though you were thousands of miles away. The organisers initiative to introduce a range and equipment inspection course proved to be a success and will become standard for all future IFAA tournaments. The OBSV has certainly raised the bar and inspired us all to be the best we can be. I want to thank all who were part of this historic event in the history of the IFAA.

The 2016 World Council Meeting would not have been successful without the guidance and leadership of our President and the support of our member associations. The amount of work in preparing for the meeting and the proposals; the correct wording of each proposal; the careful consideration of each proposal and the impact it would have on the archer, our tournaments; the updating of the Book of Rules etc. etc. should not go unrecognised. I am thankful to have been part of this process and learning experience and I hope that next time you use our Book of Rules, you will realise the process in making it available to you. The 2018 WCM is still in the distant future, but I hope that you will consider attending when we meet in South Africa.



CONGRATULATIONS to Loet Smit and Tim Stone who have been re-elected unopposed for the office term 2017/2020 as IFAA President and IFAA Treasurer respectively. [Continue reading](#)

During the 2016 IFAA season, more than 500 juniors, cubs and young adults participated in the various IFAA sanctioned tournaments. This number seems to be growing each year and can be contributed to the involvement of parents, but most importantly of our coaches. Sport in general not only hones the physical and mental abilities of the youth, it also instils discipline, hard work, and excellence—values that are necessary to succeed in life. Archery is no different. The youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow and it is our duty to encourage them to take part in activities such as tournaments that will help them to become dependable and responsible adults. Let integrity and passion guide us in our pursuits to secure an equitably progressive IFAA for future generations.

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