



## **THE THIN GREEN LINE**

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#### **OFFICERS REPORTS**

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

Since the flurry of activity at the Congress in Scotland this past summer, I have been reflecting on IRF as an organization. We are a volunteer organization, depending upon each other to make the IRF work. We are a young organization, less than 15 years old, barely a teenager. And we often act like a teenager still, as we enjoy our Congress gatherings, share stories of ranger work, get excited about the things we can do together, and then return to our daily lives, leaving behind the promises we made to each other. How have we been doing since our Scotland Congress? Some of us have been consumed by emergencies back at home (Secretary Elaine Thomas has been working 12 hour days, battling fires in Australia for the past several months), some of us have continued our networking from the Congress (European Rep Rigmor Solem has a report in this issue on the plans for the European Congress this coming September), but many of us have disappeared back to our jobs and have only a weak link to IRF.

##### Communications

During the Scotland Congress, some of you expressed frustration that it was difficult to write about the work of your ranger associations, which are younger than IRF, and may not yet have many members or activities. IRF Editor Bill Halainen is giving us all an opportunity to share in a different way through the new IRF publication of **Guardaparque**. This publication is a chance for you to connect your job with others facing the same challenges. Share your stories and allow us to learn and grow together. Each member association must submit at least one article a year to **The Thin Green Line** in order to be considered a member in good standing with IRF. I believe an article to the new **Guardaparque** would be a good indicator of an active member, too. Please help Bill, **The Thin Green Line** and **Guardaparque** by being active members and contributing to these IRF publications.

##### Sixth World Congress

Ana Carola Vaca Salazar, Asociacion Boliviana Agentes de Conservacion (Bolivia) has been working closely with ANPR (USA) member Yvette Ruan on the planning for the Sixth World Congress in Bolivia. In November, Yvette traveled to Bolivia and spent a week with Carola and the Bolivian rangers. Ronald Mora, the former Central America rep who played a strong role in the Second World Congress in Costa Rica, was sponsored by ANPR and Australian members to also travel to Bolivia and provide counsel on the planning needs. Below is a summary of Yvette's e-mail report:

"I'm back, got in yesterday afternoon. It was a busy but very productive trip. We toured two hotels that Carola was considering for the congress, both look really good and now they will be putting together proposals with estimated costs, etc. Carola is no longer the President [of the ranger association], her term was up and the new president is Javier Zeballos. He's a great guy... and participated in all the meetings that took place regarding the conference. So now Carola will chair the congress committee and Javier will handle the association business. He will serve as the primary contact with Daniel Paz [IRF South American representative]. They've got a core group designated to work on the committee. We spent some time discussing themes and topics for the congress. They will be running them by the rest of the group to try to refine them. The general idea is to focus on the park ranger. I'll get into more detail later.

"Carola has lots of support from a local foundation FUNDESNAP [the Spanish acronym for the Bolivian Foundation for the Development of the National System of Protected Areas, which in Spanish is Fundación para el Desarrollo del Sistema Nacional de Áreas Protegidas). FUNDESNAP is a non-profit foundation created under Bolivian law in April 2000 to administer resources for the sole purpose of protected areas management. In addition she's got support from the local office of the World Wildlife Fund, and they both made sure to let me know that they were very interested in supporting the congress.

"We had the opportunity to meet with and talk to so many rangers, about 70 attended this meeting. Each park selected two to serve as their delegates to the conference. Their travel costs were covered by one of the two organizations I mentioned above. Anyone else that wanted to attend came at their own expense. The interesting thing is that because of a number of issues and problems these rangers have not been paid in almost three months! Yet they somehow found the funds to get to the meeting. I was humbled by their commitment and dedication."

Since this report from Yvette, Ana Carola has taken a new job that is more removed from the Congress site, but she is confident the Congress planning will continue on schedule. Thanks to Yvette for her work and report and thanks to Carola for the work to set the foundations for a successful Congress.

With good wishes,

Deanne Adams  
United States

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## **Past President's Report**

On a recent trip to South America, I had the honor of being invited to address the training course in Embalse, Argentina. Daniel Paz heard that I was visiting Argentina and sent a bus ticket to Buenos Aires for me to make the 10-hour overnight trip to the Argentine Ranger Training School near Cordoba. The rangers from 11 Latin American countries were enthusiastically engrossed in their three-month course, which includes field experience in Argentines' wonderful parks. I spoke to them about the role of rangers worldwide and also, of course, about the 'world family' of IRF. I was very impressed by the commitment of the trainees and the quality of training provided by Marcello Ochoa, Daniel Paz and their team. For Argentina to share their expertise so readily with those less fortunate is a lesson in cooperation. The Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) is also to be congratulated on their contribution to these Latin American courses.

I went on from Cordoba to visit Alex Caparros in Los Glaciares National Park with its spectacular Andean landscape, including Cerro Fitzroy and Cerro Torre, mountains that are legendary among the climbing fraternity. The equally dramatic Perito Moreno Glacier, named after the 'John Muir' of Argentina is also nearby. This area is justifiably a UNESCO World Heritage site.

My next stop was the famous Torres del Paine NP in Chile, another World Heritage site. I was privileged to be a guest of the rangers and spent some time telling them about ranger activities around the world and encouraging them to get more involved in IRF. My next stop was Iguazu National Park on the Argentine, Brazil and Paraguay border. I am eternally grateful to Superintendent Daniel Crosta for his wonderful hospitality and was privileged to spend a number of days with ranger Daniel Fernandez on patrol, where we met the chief of one of the indigenous groups. I also spent some time with Daniels lovely family. During my visit, I was reminded of the risk rangers take when visiting a site near where a ranger was shot dead by poachers a few years ago.

After returning to Buenos Aires, I took a ferry across the River Plate to Montevideo in Uruguay for a visit to former IRF Vice President Juan Carlos Gambarotta. To canoe up a river to Juan Carlos beautiful lagoon was a memorable experience and I was very impressed by the quality of his reserve, which is home to an incredible variety of bird life and has some of the best examples of the rare and extraordinary ombu trees to be found anywhere in their restricted range of Uruguay and Brazil. I am surprised that Laguna Castillos has not been classified as a World Heritage Site. Visits to see capybara and sea lions on the coast brought my visit to an end and I left with wonderful memories of Juan Carlos family and the opportunity of experiencing a special area in the company of a dedicated professional.

Now I am in Victoria, Australia, meeting ranger friends on my way to New Zealand and the South Pacific where I hope to link up with rangers in Samoa to encourage a South Pacific Rangers Association. On my way over from England, I had a stopover in Singapore, where I visited rangers at Bukit Timau Nature Reserve to encourage them to form an association and become involved in the IRF

I am fortunate in semi- retirement to be able to visit rangers in many parts of the world. I've found that rangers everywhere have similar problems – under funding, understaffing and general lack of government support. However the commitment of the rangers never diminishes and I am proud to be part of an exceptional collection of dedicated practitioners.

Gordon Miller  
Past President

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## Editor's Report

The International Ranger Federation now has two publications – this quarterly newsletter, **The Thin Green Line**, which reports on the federation and its activities, and **Guardaparque**, a bi-weekly report with regular news about rangers and the parks they work in. **Guardaparque** carries reports on:

- Emergency service and law enforcement incidents
- Protection of parks and the natural and cultural resources within them
- Programs to educate visitors and communities on the values of parks and protected areas, and
- Reports on the rangers who are responsible for all these activities.

**Guardaparque** goes out to all member associations and preferably should be distributed to all interested rangers by the associations. I have set up a mailing list for anyone having difficulty in receiving it. The address for correspondence regarding **Guardaparque** is [TGLedit@ptd.net](mailto:TGLedit@ptd.net).

Please note that there are three new and/or corrected addresses in the directory on the last two pages of this newsletter. Please see the addresses for Carl Norberg, Vlado Vancura, and Kristen Appel. The first one was corrected; the second and third are new addresses.

Bill Halainen  
United States

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## European Regional Representative Report

During the first week in October last autumn, I visited colleagues in Piatra Craiului and Retezat National Parks in Romania. Together, we looked at the possibility of arranging a European Rangers Training Seminar in September of this year. We agreed that Retezat NP would be the most convenient site for a seminar ([www.retezat.ro](http://www.retezat.ro)). Piatra Craiului NP can be a very good site for a post seminar tour ([www.pcrai.ro](http://www.pcrai.ro)).

During the last day on my visit, we developed a draft program:

### Monday, September 17

- Arrival in the town of Hunedoara during the day. The most practical way to arrive from Western Europe is via flight to Budapest and train to Deva (close to Hunedoara).

- Welcome, practical information and meeting dinner at the hotel in Hunedoara.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 18 to September 20

- In Retezat NP, three different topics split into three different groups (training in the field) - education and interpretation in the Rausor, management of biodiversity conservation in Gemenele Scientific Reservation, and tourist management in central areas of the park.

Friday, September 21st

- IRF business meeting at the hotel in Hunedoara in the morning (before lunch).
- Power Point presentation in the auditorium at the University of Hunedoara about ranger work in the whole of Europe (the Romanian Ranger Association will prepare it).
- Invited speakers (Ministry of Environment, National Forest Administration, Europark, Local Authority)
- Press conference.
- Traditional music and closing of the training seminar at Hunedoara Castle.
- Dinner at the hotel

The Romanian Ranger Association, together with a planning group of European rangers, will work out program details early this year. An important job for the planning group will be to find good sponsors. We hope that at least two rangers from each European country will attend the seminar in Romania.

Rigmor Solem  
Norway

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### **Africa Regional Representative Report**

The main news from the Game Rangers Association of Africa (GRAA) relates to an agreement that is being finalized between the GRAA and the Southern African Wildlife College (SAWC). Thank you to Arrie Schreiber and Craig Hay, who were the main authors of the below report on this initiative.

For many years, it has been a dream of the GRAA to develop a training facility where game rangers can receive training in a variety of skills and wherever possible to link it to a national qualification framework in South Africa. Various efforts were made in this regard, with the greatest success achieved so far when 104 field rangers were trained as part of the Nkuleleko Project funded by the Dutch-based Liberty Foundation during 2003 at a facility just north of Phalaborwa in the Province of Limpopo in South Africa. However, the owners of the above-mentioned facility eventually withdrew their support, realizing that training of this kind was in conflict with their tourism-based facility.

Negotiations then began with SAWC in November 2005 to erect such a facility on site at the college as part of a joint venture between GRAA and SAWC. This culminated in a workshop on November 17, 2006, during which representatives of SAWC met with a subcommittee of the GRAA at the SAWC and reached consensus. The outcome of this meeting can be summarized as follows:

- Income generated from SAWC use of the tented facility will be calculated on a 50/50 basis for accommodation used.
- Booking will take place through the SAWC system.
- Use of the camp will be made available to GRAA members at agreed rate, but subject to availability.
- Craig Hay (short course manager at SAWC and also a GRAA member) was co-opted by group to represent SAWC on the GRAA committee.
- SAWC will be the GRAA provider of choice, but GRAA will retain the right to choose its own providers, who will make use of the accommodation and training facilities at SAWC for training not provided by SAWC.
- There will be quarterly reporting of occupancy and resulting income from SAWC to GRAA.
- All learners who complete training using the facility should receive a certificate bearing the GRAA logo.
- Off-site training can also be provided as per separate agreement for each project.

- GRAA will provide organizational membership benefits to SAWC.
- Both GRAA and SAWC will seek funding for bursaries for the envisaged training both in South Africa and abroad.

Current plans are to present not more than five courses with 20 students per course, totaling 100 per year. Of this number, at least 25% will consist out of unemployed persons, thereby enabling them to compete on the job market. The information mentioned in the bullets above, and more, will be covered in a formal Agreement that will be signed by both parties at a later stage in 2007.

The SAWC was established in close cooperation with all interested and affected parties in Southern Africa, including national and provincial government departments, other conservation agencies, and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) prior to 1997. It is an independent SADC training institution and does not receive a government subsidy and is a registered non-profit organization (registration number 046-675-NPO). Both the Peace Parks Foundation and WWF South Africa proudly support it. SAWC is situated in a natural Lowveld environment having access to conservation training areas both on site and in close proximity to the site that is situated in a contractual SA national park. The college gate is located 10 kilometers west of the Orpen Gate to Kruger National Park; the college itself is two kilometers north on a good gravel road.

The facility will consist out of ten safari tents on concrete slabs with a veranda and will be basically equipped with three beds, steel cupboards and chairs per tent. Although it is envisaged to build en suite bathrooms at a later stage, an ablution facility will be available. The building cost of the tented camp will be provided by the WWF South Africa to the amount of R180,000.00. The camp will not be equipped for self-catering and all tenants must use the catering facility available at the SAWC.

In conclusion, this project links the GRAA directly with Peace Parks Foundation (PPF) and the WWF and it has all the potential to grow and deliver well-trained field rangers who can be deployed at the coalface of conservation. The SAWC also represents an excellent networking opportunity and introductory point of contact between the GRAA in South Africa and members/potential members from elsewhere in Africa, as many rangers from throughout the continent attend various courses on an ongoing basis.

Wayne Lotter  
South Africa

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## **South American Regional Representative Report**

Reporte para **The Thin Green Line**:

- Se realizaron diversos auspicios: Al curso para guardaparques indígenas de Amapá, Brasil; al II Curso Regional para Guardaparques de América Latina, Argentina; al Congreso de Guardaparques de Perú; al Encuentro Nacional de ABOLAC de Bolivia.
- Se convocó al ex Presidente de la FIG, Gordon Miller a dar una conferencia a los participantes del II Curso Regional para Guardaparques de América Latina en Argentina.
- Se realizaron diversas comunicaciones por la situación de los Guardaparques en Portugal.
- Se realizó difusión de las actividades de la IRF, del 5to. Congreso, actividades de Guardaparques y Areas Protegidas de la región, en forma mensual, a través del boletín electrónico "Areas Protegidas y Guardaparques."
- 6to. Congreso Mundial: se organizó un grupo de Internet para coordinar acciones entre todos los involucrados; se comenzó la organización de una reunión preparatoria en el marco del II Congreso Latinoamericano de Areas Protegidas, Argentina, 2007.
- Se trabajó en promover la creación de Asociaciones en Perú y Ecuador Continental.
- Se solicitó a Marcelo Segalerba, que acepte la representación subregional en Amazonas.
- Se enviaron saludos a los Guardaparques de Argentina, Bolivia y Chile por el Día Nacional del Guardaparque en esos países, se tradujeron y reenviaron notas del Presidente de la FIG.
- Se mantuvo un contacto permanente con Guardaparques de América y otros continentes.

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Report for **The Thin Green Line:**

- Sent auspices to several actions: To the course for indigenous rangers of Amapá, Brazil; to the II Regional Course for Rangers of Latin America, Argentina; to the Ranger Congress of Peru; to the National Encounter of ABOLAC of Bolivia.
- Was invited by the former president of IRF, Gordon Miller, to give a conference to the participants of the II Regional Course for Rangers of Latin America in Argentina.
- Carried out diverse communications about the situation of the rangers in Portugal.
- Carried out many IRF activities, of the 5th Congress, activities of the rangers and protected areas of the region, in monthly form, through the electronic bulletin *Protected Areas and Guardaparques*.
- 6th World congress – organized an internet group to coordinate actions among all those involved; began the organization of a preparatory meeting in the II Latin American Congress of Protected Areas, Argentina, 2007.
- Promoted the creation of associations in Peru and continental Ecuador.
- Asked Marcelo Segalerba to accept sub-regional representation in the Amazons.
- Sent greetings to the rangers of Argentina, Bolivia and Chile on the Ranger National Day in those countries, translating and forwarding notes from the president of the IRF.
- Stayed in permanent contact with rangers of America and other continents.

Daniel Paz Barreto  
Argentina

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## **NEWS FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

### **United States**

#### **Association of National Park Rangers**

ANPR was well-represented at the Fifth World Ranger Congress in Scotland, with 30 members attending. As in previous years, we helped sponsor delegates from Latin America. But, for the first time, we also sponsored the attendance of a new ANPR member under our newly-established Muir Fund. The Muir Fund is dedicated to our international work and our responsibilities to IRF and others. Emily Murphy from Salem Maritime National Historic Site (located on the U.S. east coast) was the first Muir Fund recipient. Two long-time ANPR members were elected to IRF board positions. Past ANPR president Deanne Adams is IRF's new vice president, and past ANPR board member Meg Weesner is the North American regional representative. At the Congress, ANPR president Lee Werst presented past IRF president Gordon Miller with the ANPR "Service Award" for exemplary service, recognizing his continuing work for and support of rangers around the world.

Back in the United States, ANPR held its annual rendezvous in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. At the rendezvous, Meg Weesner hosted a special evening presentation on IRF. She showed a special production of the video, "The Thin Green Line," which shows rangers in action on six continents. Sean Wilmore, an Australian park ranger, traveled the world over the last three years, taking video footage of rangers in action in many countries. He filmed a total of 500 hours of footage. After the presentation, Meg led a general discussion session about IRF and world rangers. The next rendezvous will take place in Park City, Utah, this coming fall. Further details will be provided in the next issue of **The Thin Green Line**. Rangers from IRF member associations are always welcome to attend.

Tony Sisto  
International Affairs  
Association of National Park Rangers  
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### **South Africa**

#### **Game Rangers Association Of Africa**

By the time this edition of **The Thin Green Line** is distributed, GRAA will have held its 2007 Annual General Meeting (AGM). The venue of the AGM, held from February 5th to February 9th, was the Potberg Education

Centre in the De Hoop Nature Reserve in the southern Cape of South Africa. It is situated 60 kilometers from both Swellendam and Bredarsdorp towns. The reserve is the flagship of Cape Nature and lies in a World Heritage Site and the Cape Floral Kingdom. Nine broad habitat types are found within its boundaries and there's both a terrestrial and marine reserve within its boundaries. The reserve is inhabited by numerous rare and endangered species.

GRAA has traditionally been terrestrial and this AGM changed this somewhat by holding a seminar on the second day regarding the marine environment. During the seminar, the main risks that the oceans are facing were highlighted. Marine protected areas have become a priority in South Africa and it is envisaged that they will play an ever-increasing roll into the future for our fish resources. 'Field trips' that were arranged included the drinking of sundowners on the coast on the first night. Other trips included hiking up to the Cape Vulture colony (the only one in the Cape province). Thank you to Peter Chadwick and his team for hosting a memorable AGM at the unique and beautiful De Hoop Nature Reserve.

Wayne Lotter  
South Africa

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## **Scotland**

### **Scottish Countryside Ranger Association**

Scotland is currently in consultation about where to site its third national park. This one is to be slightly different in as much as it will be a coastal and marine park, the first such in the United Kingdom. The plans are currently at the last stage of deciding which area will be chosen from a short list of five, all of which are on the west coast and include several of our many islands. SCRA has commented on the process but has no firm favorite out of the proposed areas, all of which are outstanding in terms of their landscape and wildlife.

There will obviously be implications for rangers in the areas chosen. There are existing ranger services covering some of the proposed areas already – what will happen to them? Will there be a new ranger service created to manage the park and if so what will be its structure? These are questions we are currently addressing. A decision is expected in the new year as to the final choice of site.

Another major impact on rangers in Scotland that SCRA is currently consulting on is the review of the rules governing grants from Scottish Natural Heritage [SNH], the government agency that funds most rangers in Scotland, are given. We are currently on an advisory group looking at the proposed changes, which could affect the amount of money ranger employers have available to deliver ranger services.

We are also being consulted on changes to the legislation governing invasive alien species and nitrate vulnerable zones. These adversely impact many sites managed by rangers, so the opportunity to comment on the new legislation is most welcome.

Finally, our annual training conference and AGM are to be held on the Queen's estate at Balmoral from March 21st to March 23rd. The theme will be based on the relationship between people and our wild places. Anyone wanting to attend please contact me.

Tony Wilson  
President  
Scottish Countryside Ranger Association  
<http://www.scotranger.freeserve.co.uk/>

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## **Suriname**

### **Suriname Ranger Association**

Greeting from Suriname. Our country lies on the South American continent, but we have more ties with the Caribbean community. The population is about 450,000. As a former Dutch colony, our official language is Dutch. We have a land surface of 144,000 km<sup>2</sup>. We have a rich biodiversity and 90% of the land surface is covered by serene tropical rainforest. Only a strip along the coastal area is densely populated (90% of the total population).

There are 16 protected areas (14% of land surface) – 11 nature reserves, one nature park, four multiple use management areas. The Ministry of Physical Planning, Land and Forest Management, Suriname Forest Service, Nature Conservation Division do law enforcement.

There are 16 game wardens with full police authority to cover this whole territory of Suriname, including the territorial sea and the economic zone (sea turtles). Field operations take place mostly in the remote parts. We control/monitor the hunting and wildlife trade activities and we're responsible for the physical protection of the protected areas. The risks in operating under poor conditions are very big. We have to at times balance the protection of nature and the social-economic needs of the local inhabitants.

Considering the lack of personnel, equipment, finance, risks and acknowledgement, we are doing a great job, because we realize the cause of protecting nature.

In 2007, we will start the training of group of new junior game wardens. Preparations are underway. The recruitment started in January. The training is six months long and consists of technical training and police training. We have developed this training on the standards of the IRF. This concept is new – any suggestions and advice about the training of rangers for our specific needs in this area are welcome. You can mail them to [rhotsoi@sr.net](mailto:rhotsoi@sr.net) or [rhotsoi@hotmail.com](mailto:rhotsoi@hotmail.com) . We will send a report about the progress of the training.

Roy Ho Tsoi  
Senior Gamewarden



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