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During the period between the 1st October 2012 and the 30th September 2013 INTERRA has been very active

Brief report:

During this period, there was the INTERRA show, in May 2013 in Budapest, and representatives of the board were present as Delegate and judges. The INTERRA show had almost 1300 Terriers entered coming from all over the world. The BIS was a Cairn Terrier, bred in Sweden but living in Brasil.

Also integrated with the INTERRA show, it was held a Seminar in cooperation between the Hungarian Terrier Clubs and the INTERRA, on the Border Terrier standard. The speaker was Mr. Ronnie Irving, breeder of Border Terriers under the Dandyhow prefix and former Chairman of the Kennel Club. The room was with a good number of people, coming from all over Europe and the UK, most of them Terrier judges.

The website was updated several times during the year, and it was created a page in **Facebook** to help on the divulgation of INTERRA subjects.

It was brought to our attention that there is a discrepancy on the Brazilian Terrier standard, so INTERRA opened the subject to discussion, and organized a meeting with the President of the FCI Standards Committee about this subject. The matter is now on the hand of the Confederação Brasileira de Cinofilia, the FCI member which owns the standard.

The negotiations for the establishment of the Letter of Agreement with FCI were continued, but still INTERRA has to have members from other continents. We had negotiations for new members with South Africa and Costa Rica, but the formal application never arrived.

Spain asked to be accepted again as a new member, as they dismissed some years ago due to internal options in the Terrier Club.

We thank also the help from our members from Puerto Rico, which are helping spreading the word about INTERRA, in Latin America.

The negotiations between INTERRA and RKF regarding the membership of Russia were hard, but had a good end. The Russian Terrier Union was closed by the RKF, and therefore Russia wasn't able to keep the organization applied and negotiated for the INTERRA show in 2016 together with the World Show 2016. A new breeders club was introduced by the RKF, The Kennel Union of Russian Federation for Amateur Breeding, and accepted by the board.

We may understand that changes can intervene in the board of the different countries-associations and these changes are not reported to the Committee of INTERRA. Even not all the necessary information is given to their successors; the Committee of INTERRA tries to keep updated.

So the board of INTERRA decided not to exclude the countries from the list yet, in order of accomplishing our terms of agreement with FCI, and also because we hope that some of them pay, as it has happened before.

Still INTERRA needs the collaboration of the member clubs. We received the programs for the Terrier National Speciality shows from Ireland and Portugal, and had put them on our webpage, but no other country has sent any information regarding shows, results, working trials or seminars. It is our job to promote Terrier events organized by INTERRA members, but it is impossible to do so, if we are not told about them.

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