

## GENERAL SECRETARY – REPORT 2015 / 2016 Lisboa, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

During the period between the 1st October 2015 and the 30th September 2016 INTERRA has been very active

## **Brief report:**

During this period, there was the INTERRA show, in June 2016 in Moscow, Russia, and one representative of the board was present as a judge. The INTERRA show had more than 1500 Terriers entered coming mostly from Russia, with a few exhibitors from abroad. The BIS was a Lakeland Terrier, Rus Terrier Cardenal Linda La Reina, bred in Russia.

Due to a lot of troubles with the organization of the World Show, held at the same time, the Russian organizers of the Interra show, did not had the time to organize the Interra Seminar, as required by the Interra Show Rules. Also we got some complaints to the fact that the final list of judges was only known a few days before the event, weeks after the closing of the entries, and that the quota of Interra Judges demanded also on the Show Rules was also disregarded.

The Facebook page was updated several times during the year, with the results of the Interra show, results of Club shows, and links to our webpage (<a href="http://interra-terrier.com">http://interra-terrier.com</a>). The webpage was also updated with the relevant information regarding last year's Annual Meeting, reports and pictures from the Interra show, and news about the Terrier club shows of our members.

The webpage has all the information about the Interra Specialist Judges, updated every time we got information from the Member Clubs and some links to articles about Terrier breeds. More articles are welcome to be published. This is an important mean of communication and help on the divulgation of INTERRA subjects.

Italy has applied to become again member of Interra, this time represented by the Società Italiana Amatori Yorkshire Terrier, and the candidature will be voted at the Annual Meeting in November. We are still trying to have more members from Asia and Latin America, doing several contacts but still the negotiations are running, as these countries although with high quality of dogs have low number of breeders.

We reinforce the appeal to our members that when changing the board of the Clubs, transmit the information about Interra, and let Interra know who are the new representatives of each Club are. As we stated in last year's report, 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, 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 or even regional shows from very few of our members, and had put them on our webpage, other countries must send us the 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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