

## GENERAL SECRETARY – REPORT 2017 / 2018 Lisboa, 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Report of the period between the 1st October 2017 and the 30th September 2018 of INTERRA activity

## **Brief report:**

During this period, there wasn't any the INTERRA show as the one in 2017 was in April and the one of 2018 will be in November.

The agreement with EVG for the genetic tests available for all Terrier breeds, with a special discount for member on terrier Clubs affiliated in INTERRA was widely divulgated. There is a special post in our Facebook page, in our website and we also asked all the member clubs to spread the word between their members and to advertise it on each Club webpage. Unfortunately not all member Clubs have done that. It is important to test our dogs, and it is a duty of all Terrier people to promote testing.

Approaches with Azerbaijan and Germany were done in order for this countries to join INTERRA. Also Japan is still in negotiation, but the process is a bit slow as there are some small Terrier clubs in Japan that have to give the written agreement, and then it will also be needed the approval of the Japan kennel Club.

The Facebook page was updated several times during the year, with INTERRA specialist judges updates, some Breed Articles from the yearbook published with the INTERRA show 2017, Terrier Shows schedules, 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 shows, 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. More articles are welcome to be published. This is an important mean of communication and help on the divulgation of INTERRA subjects.



Once again, 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 reports, 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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