

25 May 2015

Report of the President

Dear Mr. / Mrs.,

After our General Meeting in Oulu on Sunday 17, I want to share with all of you what we have done in this year.

Situation of the board:

- New president:
At the end of the meeting of last year (2014) there had been decided to set a deadline for finding a new president. This deadline was September 2014. I decided to take this job so now I am the current (new) president of ETF.
- New Secretary
At the last meeting, Michiel Tilley was elected to become the new secretary. Since he wasn't available until September, Duncan kept this job until that time and thanks to the support from Christoph Meier he has no problem in taking up the new function.

So since September 2014 the ETF board has changed and there's a lot of new and young people starting off. It wasn't easy to start and to get to know the job. But in the end, everyone is starting to get worked in and we are an enthusiastic team willing to take ETF to the next level!

Activities

Because of the **New board**, there hasn't been happened a lot of new things. We are all still getting used to the regular working flow of ETF. But this doesn't mean there hasn't been done anything!

First and most important of all, you are all aware of this, there's another **very well organised ETC** going now! And it's not the ETF board, but the ETC board under charge of Matthias Fahrni, who made all of this possible. That is a great new.

And then, we are hard working on **the presence of ETF**. We are a roof organisation who should be visible and who should be there to help out other associations and taxidermists. So there's been some work on the ETF website. **We are now starting off to make advertisement for taxidermy supply companies of Europe on the homepage in form of attractive banners**. The companies pay a yearly fee for this and it brings in some money to ETF too.

There's only two for now, but we're contacting all the others too, so we can present a beautiful overview of European taxidermy supply companies. This makes of the ETF homepage a sort of source for European taxidermists in information. More website updates will come too.

We have also contacted the European Federation of Associations for Hunting and Conservation. FACE to see how both groups can act together in Europe, because we share much of our interest.

With Kind regards,
Rafael Cetenera
ETF President