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NEWSLETTER OF THE BOARD - 3/2013

Dear Colleagues – and Friends

For some days the official invitation and brochure of the coming European Taxidermy Championships ETC®, which will take place like several times before in Longarone/Italy, has now been published and is available online on the ETF-homepage, including the registration form for this event.

The ETF board is glad to view once more a well-organised ETC® - in a frame that is proved – with a host-crew, which is used to do this job perfectly. A big “Thank you” to Iginio Bressan and his team in Longarone!

I take this invitation as an occasion to send out an ETF-Newsletter – and to contact anew the ETF-Member countries as well as the ETF-Individual-Members. I hope - we all hope that the coming Championships in Italy and the ETF General Meeting, which will take place on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> in Longarone, will be an interesting and animated meeting for a lot of European Taxidermists!

Also in this context I want to remind you of the fact, that for this ETC® 2014 the new rules and regulations will be used. We have informed about this big and worth full work of the competition-Group in the Newsletter 2/2014 – in June of this year. It is absolutely important to study these new rules and regulations before planning the participation as a competitor. You will find much more clearness in this control equipment as there has been before.

Both the information about the ETC® 2014 in Longarone and the new rules and regulations can be seen on the ETF-homepage [www.eurotaxidermy.eu](http://www.eurotaxidermy.eu).

Beside this important information about our main-event for European Taxidermists in spring 2014 – I would like to make another effort to achieve a more active and vitalised community-life within the ETF.

In spring and early summer of this year I sent out several calls to come or stay in contact with the ETF with me as the current president. Unfortunately the echo has been very poor. I had some reactions of people I had known before – but no new contacts. We / I would very much like to feel a kind of community – not only during those few days of Championships every year ...- and I must say and want to recall that a new president still must be found among the ETF-Members within the next one and a half years! At the moment we don't have any stress, but when we shall meet in Longarone we must find a plan!  
Please get in contact with us – with me, and tell us what you expect of the ETF, and what you think about your own possibility to become part of the ETF-family.

Another – more technical but no less important wish of us “ETF-officials” is the use and the promotion of ETF-homepage for the members of the ETF Country-Members. Kindly please place the link ([www.eurotaxidermy.eu](http://www.eurotaxidermy.eu)) clearly visible and prominent on your own homepage. In addition please also take every occasion you have to promote ETF among your members. A big thank you very much to all of you, who will be doing this from now on!

I know everybody who gets this Newsletter is basically interested in the ETF. You join our meetings and pay your fees — thank you for that!  
If all of us contribute a little more power and enthusiasm we can bring the ETF to a sustainable and stabile fundament for a Taxidermy-Community in Europe!

With my big wish for some more reactions and echoes – a short e-mail-contact may bring miracles – I send this latest letter to all of you and look forward to the next ETF-meeting in Longarone.

On behalf of the ETF-board with kind regards

Christoph Meier  
President