



# INTERNATIONAL ROGAINING FEDERATION Inc.

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## IRF Team

President: Neil Phillips  
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World Rogaining Championships Manager: vacant

## Members of IRF

Czech Republic (Miroslav Seidl, Jan Tojnar)  
New Zealand (Alan Holdaway, Nick Collins)  
Australia (David Baldwin, Richard Robinson)  
Estonia (Lauri Leppik, Eduard Pukkonen)

### Individual members

Murray Foubister - Canada  
Barb Bryant, Bob Reddick - USA  
Guntars Mankus - Latvia  
Sergey Yashchenko, Evgeny Dombrovskiy - Russia  
Efim Shtempler - Ukraine

### Observer status

Brazil: José Nilton Silva Vargas  
Canada: Francis Falardeau, Allan Stradeski  
Finland: Iiro Kakko  
Germany: Marko Rößler  
Great Britain: Jeff Powell Davies  
Hong Kong: Patrick Ng  
Ireland: Denis Deasy  
Israel: Dan Chissick  
Japan: Kazuhiro Takashima  
Norway: Ross Wakelin  
Poland: Magda Czapluk  
Russia: Syropyatov Valeriy  
South Africa: Lisa De Speville, Ian Bratt  
Spain: Felip Gili  
Sweden: Bengt Nilsson  
Switzerland: Dieter Wolf  
4<sup>th</sup> WRC: Pete Squires  
6<sup>th</sup> WRC: Peg Davis  
9<sup>th</sup> WRC: Grant Hunter

## Membership of the IRF

Following the constitutional changes in 2010 that related to IRF membership, the IRF Council has ratified membership of national rogaining associations from Czech Republic

and New Zealand, and admitted the national rogaining associations from Australia and Estonia. Each of these national rogaining associations is represented by two voting representatives as shown under *IRF Team*.

## Eric Smith, IRF Member USA since 2001

Eric Smith steps down as the IRF Member representing rogaining in USA having served on the IRF Council since 2001. Eric was awarded the IRF Geoduck Award in 1996 for his services to rogaining, has been a long term leader for the sport in eastern USA, and is one of the most regular supporters of World Rogaining Championships on different continents. We thank Eric sincerely for his great commitment to rogaining.

Barb Bryant is the new Member for USA and has been very active recently in guiding the US rogaining community through a series of important decisions including IRF membership and WRC bids. She regularly crosses North America to attend rogaines and is a consistent participant at WRCs.

## Pieter Mulder: South African rogaining pioneer

Pieter Mulder has moved from Johannesburg to Switzerland recently, and has relinquished the South African Observer role. Pieter organised the first rogaine in Africa in 2003 about 50km SE of Johannesburg. Since then he has led and promoted many other rogaines in South Africa, encouraged South African participation in World Rogaining Championships (son Nick 2<sup>nd</sup> 9WRC, and wife Liz have led the strong South African fields). Pieter was instrumental in suggesting and then leading the IRF Code of

Conduct for Rogaining which was finalised and accepted in 2007.

Ian Bratt joins Lisa de Speville as an Observer for South Africa. Ian, with the assistance of the Rand Orienteering Club, is presently in charge of the CapeStorm Rogaines. For a decade he has made very significant contributions to navigational sport in RSA in his role of President of the SA Orienteering Federation and as Chairman and committee member of ROC. He is also a champion cross-country navigator himself.

### **Catalonian Rogaining Championship 2011**

Report by Lauri Leppik

The first Catalonian championships in 24-hour rogaining and the 3rd Wild Boar Rogaine were held last weekend in Les Garrigues region, the olive cultivation centre of the autonomous community of Catalonia in Spain. The first 24-hour rogaine had a remarkable international appeal with 140 participants (59 teams) from nine countries - Spain, Latvia, Estonia, France, Netherlands, Russia, Ukraine, Sweden and Finland taking part. The concurrent 6-hour rogaine attracted 140 teams.

The terrain featured a complex system of ridges and valleys with relative height of some ridges up to 200 metres. The ridges were covered mainly with Mediterranean pine forests with some scrubby undergrowth, whereas the foothills and valleys featured olive and almond orchards, vineyards and crop fields.

The start and finish were in a village of L Espluga Calba, about 140 km from the 1992 Olympics city of Barcelona. The hash house, providing food during the event, was located in a nearby village of Fullea. Both L Espluga Calba and Fullea are beautiful villages with limestone churches, castles and houses.

The course was very well set, offering several strategic options and route choices. The map was very accurate. In fact, it was the most reliable rogaining maps I have even seen at rogaining events. Yet, at the same time the map was properly generalised, highly legible with 10 m contour intervals and printed on a water- and tear-proof material.

The days and the night were clear, and the temperatures were below freezing point for most of the time and dropping below minus 5 at night. As the nights in January are long, headlamps had to be used for 13.5 hours out of 24. All these natural challenges did not hinder the best teams.

The overall winners were the mixed Spanish team Vilaraid Iglesias Urtzi, Fraile Uxue, Abril Sa l.

The food was excellent, both at night in the hash house as well as the meal after the event. The prizes were really nice bottles of local olive oil (one of the best in the country), books and sports equipment. Every participant received a warm hat with the logo of the event (very handy considering the chilly weather) and some further presents from the many sponsors.

Overall, a remarkable achievement by Felip Gili, the IRF observer for Spain, supported by Xinoxano Orientacio and Catalonian Orienteering Federation. Congratulations!

### **Laurentian Rogaine, Quebec Canada**

The Laurentian Rogaines for 2011 are in Spring, Saturday May 7th 2011, and Fall Saturday September 10th 2011. These will let participants ramble in the woods and discover nature's hidden spots in the true Australian tradition. Visit our web site for further details:

<http://www3.sympatico.ca/montbleu>

### **Rogaining in Finland**

Miia Hovi and Tiina Isoniemi ran an 8 hour rogaine in Kirkkonummi, Finland that allowed people take skis, snowshoes and kick-sleds to negotiate the 0.5m deep snow and -2 to -5C temperatures. The activity was reported in the local media.