



International Federation of Rottweilerfriends

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To all Delegates of IFR-Memberclubs.

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Dear Delegates,
Dear Rottweilerfriends,

We have all received and followed the recent communications concerning the status of the IFR and that have lead to an Extra Ordinary Meeting of Delegates in Finland on 22 september 2016.

The Extra Ordinary Meeting of Delegates, chaired by the Delegate of the Danish Rottweilerclub to whom our thanks for his professionalism, was constructive and while its conclusions lead to the election of a new Board, this was decided upon in an atmosphere of mutual respect and not causing any harmful disputes or ruptures. We thank the former Board for its efforts.

The newly elected Board is composed as follows (details : www.ifrottweilerfriends.org) :

President :	Dirk Vandecasteele
Vice President :	Walter Horn
Secretary :	Franck Arnoux
Treasurer :	Kristiina Niemelä
Boardmembers :	Erika Stepanauskiene
	Carsten Henriksen
	Ivan Ristovic

The newly elected Board will, with respect for everyone's input and with respect for the full authority of the Meeting of Delegates, start working on the challenges that our beloved breed faces and will in that context prepare the next Meeting of Delegates and possibly associated Meetings.

On the agenda of the Board will be, amongst others, the compliance by all Memberclubs and future Memberclubs to the IFR-Constitution and in particular the obligation to introduce breeding-regulations and breed-suitability tests and all other means to ensure the Rottweiler worldwide answers to the same definition of the breed as a utility breed, the introduction of tests of social behaviour and minimal requirements concerning the physical and mental health of the Rottweiler and especially of breeding dogs (incl. the negative effects of too long and too close inbreeding causing genetic disorders), the founding of an ethic committee, etc.

A close cooperation / communication with all Memberclubs will be applauded and searched for within the context of the Constitution that defines the IFR as a Federation of Memberclubs and not by communication on personal and/or public fori.

With friendly greetings,

The IFR-Board.